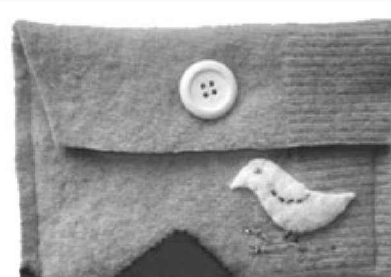




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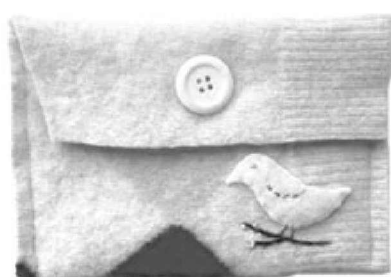




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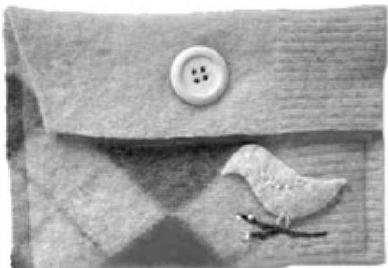


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Lady Cards beat UHA 66-58

Livingston Central’s girls beat UHA and will advance to play Webster County. Aneta Sloma scored 22 points and Hailee Lampley scored 17 points for the Lady Cardinals.

Marshall County crushes Hickman

The Lady Marshals will face Lone Oak Friday night after crushing Hickman County 84-27 Monday night in Region I basketball tournament action.

Marshals face Graves tonight

Marshall County’s boys will face Graves County tonight, Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at CFSB Center in the boy’s Region I Basketball tournament at 7:45 p.m.



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Bill could cut tourism funding in Grand Rivers

By Loyd Ford
The Lake News

Grand Rivers- A bill that made its way to the Kentucky House’s Revenue Committee on Monday is causing quite a bit of concern for some of the members of the Grand Rivers tourist industry. Powered by a tax on both rooms and meals Grand Rivers Tourist Commission has a full time employee and funding to provide events to boost tourism in the community all year round.

House Bill 445 that was introduced by State Rep. Rick G. Nelson, of Middlesboro, would cripple Grand Rivers Tourist Commission according to Kim Kramer the Commission’s only employee. She said cutting the tax money they receive by 75 percent would eliminate her position plus greatly reduce the number of activities the Commission hosts through out the year to attract visitors.

Under the current law Fourth and Fifth Class cities in Kentucky can levy a three percent room tax and a three percent tax on all retail sales by restaurants doing business within

that city. Rep. Nelson’s bill would change the current law that requires all of that money to be turned over to the tourist and convention commission and allow the city to keep 75 percent of what is collect and put it in the city’s general fund. The bill strikes the word all and changes it to 25 percent of money’s collected.

Under the proposed legislation the cities can chose to appropriate money from the general fund for use by their tourist and convention commission. Kramer said putting the tax collected from tourism businesses in the general fund made it much more likely for cash

strapped cities to use it for other purposes.

In Marshall County only the room tax is applied and it is apparently unaffected since it is collected through the county instead of any of the city governments. However Lyon County and Marion collect taxes on both rooms and restaurants and the tourist and convention commissions in those areas would also be affected by a loss of direct funding if House Bill 445 becomes law.

See **Bill could cut tourism funding in Grand Rivers** on page 3A.



Loyd Ford/The Lake News file photo

A Shiner lobbies for his photo to be taken in Grand Rivers during the annual Hunter’s Moon Festival last October. Now his pose more appropriately fits the stance of the city’s tourist commission that faces losing 75 percent of the funding they now receive to hosts events like the Hunter’s Moon Festival in the city to draw tourists.

Group wants liquor sales in Marshall Co.

A group working toward county-wide liquor sales in Marshall County held its first public meeting last Monday in the Marshall County Courthouse. According to one of the organizers Tracy King approximately 100 people attended the meeting.

King said the group named Marshall County 1st has a campaign based on economic development and to bring more tourists to the area, more jobs and to build up the tax base.

There have been talks among business people in Marshall County for years about the value of alcohol sales. The only “wet” area in Marshall County is Calvert City which approved a liquor by the drink referendum several years ago but has only one restaurant that serves alcohol year round.

King said Marshall County 1st will hold a public meeting again on March 12 at 6 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom of the Marshall County Courthouse in Benton.

Barger worker’s cause of death is pending autopsy

Marshall County Rescue Squad was called to the scene of a missing barge worker over the weekend in Calvert City. Approximately one-hour later rescue personnel recovered the body of Kevin L. Meyers, 52, of Brookport, IL.

According to Marshall County Rescue Squad Chief Carl Curtner, rescue personnel were called to Calvert City Southern Coal Handling Terminal around 1:30 a.m. on Sunday. Workers who were loading barges with coal lost contact with Meyers and notified authorities that they feared he had fallen into the Tennessee River. While waiting for the rescue squad to arrive employees and barge workers began to search for Meyers in and around the docking slip where they were loading coal.

Rescue workers found Meyers at 2:30 a.m. next to a docked barge at the terminal. He was wearing a life jacket when he was found in a very well lit area of the facility. The cause of death is pending autopsy results that were performed in Louisville on Monday and authorities believe the incident was accidental.

Calvert City Police Department, East Marshall Fire Department, and McCracken County Rescue Squad assisted the Marshall County Rescue Squad at the scene.

County turns to herbicide to cut right-of-way mowing costs

By Charlotte Kyle
The Lake News

Benton- Marshall County Fiscal Court approved a “chemical mowing” program last week in their regular meeting which stunts the growth of roadside vegetation. The commissioners hope the herbicide treatment will cut back on county mowing expenses.

Tracy Bracewell, Account Manager with NaturChem, Inc., presented the court with the company’s plan, a 3-treatment program which will begin in March. Bracewell said chemical mowing is done with the application of a growth retardant herbicide to the roadside. Other treatments will be scheduled for May or June and July or August. Each treatment takes been two and two-and-a-half days to complete,

Bracewell said.

The county currently maintains around 460 miles and mows three to four times per year, said Russell York, superintendent of the Marshall County Road Department. With this treatment, the county will need to mow once.

“With this treatment, we’re guaranteeing that the county will mow one time,” he told the board. “If it doesn’t work, you don’t owe me a thing or we come back and treat it for free to make sure you don’t mow.”

Bracewell said the average mowing cost for counties is around \$100 per mile per time. Chemical mowing with NaturChem will cost \$60 per mile per treatment, a total of \$180 per mile. The board approved treatment to a 100-mile area at the cost of \$18,000. Bracewell and York will determine the recommended area for

treatment and follow-up with the board.

Judge Executive Mike Miller said he spoke with Judge Executive Brock Thomas in Caldwell County and they were pleased with the results of the treatment. He said they started with a smaller test area as well and increased their usage this year.

Bracewell told the board that he believes these cost-savings could help the county.

“When the economy was a little better, mowing was just a part of life,” he said. “Right now, with the economy the way it is, your budget’s going to get tighter every year. This is a good way to put some more money (back) to be able to do something more valuable than running tractors up and down the road.”

The treatment itself should cause very minimal discoloration, Bracewell said at the

meeting. This could include a week or two of yellow-tipped grass.

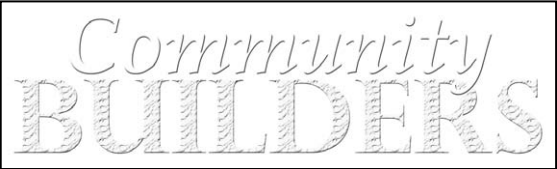
He also stressed the importance of safety in all chemicals they use and plan to use in the future. He said all chemicals are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture. Bracewell said off-target damage is very seldom and that NaturChem is liable if anything occurs.

The treatment is meant to stunt the growth, he said, not kill the grass.

“We’re not here to kill grass,” he said. “We are only here to take out the undesirables, the things that make you guys mow. We are absolutely not here to kill anything.”

For more information on chemical mowing and the herbicides used, visit naturchemstore.net.

Included in this issue the
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Looking great,
Shopping smart

The Purchase Area Extension Agents Spring into Green: Fashion Edition is coming. See page B4 for all the details



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Blood Drive

Locally, you may give blood: March 1, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Calvert City Church of Christ, 4625 US Highway 62. March 1, 1-5 p.m. Briensburg Church of Christ, 2349 Benton-Briensburg Rd, Benton. March 12, noon – 6 p.m. at Calvert City Civic Center, 1445 5th Ave. Southeast.

For Runners

Tater Trot 5k Race

The 27th Annual Tater Trot 5000 Meter Road Race, sponsored by CFSB, will be March 31, held at CFSB Parking Lot, at 1012 Main Street in Benton. The 5k road race to support the Marshall County Track and Field Booster Club (Sole Supporters), will begin at 9 a.m., 1-mile fun run/walk at 9:00 a.m. Entry fee \$12 Pre-Registration up to March 26 or \$15 late registration. Race Day Registration from 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Unique awards will be given for the 5k race in these age groups: 15 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 60-69, 16-19, 40-49, 50-59, 70+. All participants receive a high-quality t-shirt. Door prizes given away after race. For more information call Chris Kerrick at 270-527-1453.

Fundraisers

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Marshall County gives everyone in the community a chance to help the organization save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Register your team today by visiting relayforlife.org/marhsallky or by calling 1-800-227-2345. Relay For Life takes place from 6 p.m. on June 9, 2012 until 6 a.m. on June 10, 2012 at Marshall County High School.

Huge Indoor Charity Yard Sale

A Huge Indoor Charity Yard Sale will be held on March 5 – 9, from 8 to 5 daily, at the Ledbetter Methodist Fellowship Building. New, used, antique, vintage, house wares, furniture, collectable's, toys, clothing, and lots & lots of Treasures! 100% of all funds raised go to families and / or individuals that have fallen on hard times in Livingston County. For more information or to make donations please call 270-928-2827.

Charity Auction

A Charity Auction will be held on Saturday March 10, starting at 11 a.m. Doors will open 9 a.m. at Ledbetter United Methodist Fellowship Building, just off Hwy 60 in Ledbetter, Ky. New, Used, Vintage, Antique, Primitive, Retro, Housewares, Furniture, Collectibles, Glassware, Box Lot's. 100% of All proceeds will go to families and/ or individuals of Livingston County that have fallen on hard times. Auctioneer's Jason Parrish and Jerry Cain. Concession's available. For more information or make donation's call 270-928-2827.

Open Meetings

Middle Youth

The next meeting of the Marshall County Middle Youth Service Center advisory council is on Monday, March 12, at 11:00 AM at Benton Middle School. The public is invited to attend.

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Good Times

Johnny Cash

Lake Barkley State Resort Park will be host to another edition of its popular dinner theater series on March 10 with "A Tribute to Johnny Cash." Ralph Curtis & The Tennessee Three will perform 6:30-9 p.m. as you enjoy the buffet. Curtis & The Tennessee Three have been entertaining crowds across the county, performing Cash's greatest hits including "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk the Line" \$35 person includes dinner and entertainment. 800-325-1708 for reservations.

Book Club to meet

A Ladies Community Book Club and Bible Study will meet the second and fourth Thursday each month, 6:30 at Marshall Co. Library at Calvert City. The Resolutions for Women, by Priscilla Shirer will be the first book studied. It is based on the popular movie, Courageous. Like the fathers in the movie who resolve to live their life for God, Shirer's book encourages women to live intentionally making a difference in, not only their families, but their communities, as well. The book club and Bible study is hosted by Calvert City resident Paula Harrington. First meeting is March 8. For information, contact Harrington at 270-703-3272 or paulaharrington@windstream.net.

Fun for Kids

Little Obie Free Train Rides

On March 3rd, the "Little Obie" miniature train will be available for rides at Paducah Railroad Museum, from 10-4. "Little Obie" is a operated by the Canadian National Railroad as a railroad safety and information project, and will take children and adults for rides at 200 Washington Street. Rides are FREE and visit Thomas the Tank Engine train, which can be run by children. Regular admission is \$3 for adults, and \$1 for children 12 and under. Rides are one day only. For further information call Bob Johnston, 270 559 -5253 or bobj31@comcast.net

Support

Rehab help

Get free and confidential help finding rehab listings in your area for drug, alcohol and addictions. www.findrehabnow.com or call today at 888-629-0333 to speak to a counselor.



First Kentucky Bank presents its 2011 Service Awards to employees who have reached various milestones in their employment with the institution. Shown above: Kim English (left) is presented her five-year service award by Nicole Sullivan, Branch Administration Officer. Kim is the Benton Office Manager for First Kentucky Bank.

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Play Ball

Baseball-Softball & T-Ball sign-ups

The 2012 Baseball/Softball and T-Ball season for Calvert City Baseball & Softball Association is now holding registration. Registration at Calvert City Dairy Queen will be held on March 3, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., March 6, from 6 – 8 p.m. and March 10 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fees are: T-Ball (ages 3-6) \$35; Baseball and Softball (all ages) \$45. Multiple child discount available. To mail in your registration, visit www.thelakenews.net and go to "events" to print a form. For more information contact Robert Fitzgerald at 270-493-1558 or Ashley Henley at 270-559-0485.

Good Eats

Pancake Breakfast

Calvert City Lions Club will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 3 at Calvert City Elementary School. Serving from 7:00 a.m. until 10 a.m. Cost is \$5. Children under 6 eat for free.

Tourism's KWW Annual Dinner

Regional tourism organization, Kentucky's Western Waterland, will hold its 43rd Annual Dinner on Mon. March 12, at KY Dam Village State Resort Convention Center, Gilbertsville. Meet & Greet and Silent Auction at 5:30 p.m., Dinner Program and Live Auction at 6:30 p.m. \$35 person with advance payment. Public is invited. Reservations required, deadline to make them is Fri, March 2. Reservations cancelled after deadline date is non-refundable. Call 270-928-4411 or e-mail waterland@paducah.com. The main speaker for the evening will be Elaine Walker, Commissioner, KY Dept. of Parks. For info, call KWW at 800-448-1069 or 270-928-4411.

Fish Fry/Chili

Calvert City VFW Post 5739 & its Ladies Auxiliary regular monthly Fish Fry/Chili with Tamales will be March 9, from 5 - 7 PM. Fish, hush puppies, white beans, French fries, cole slaw, chili with tamales, dessert & drink, \$8.00. 68 Veterans Way off Hwy 95, 1/4 mile from 95 & 62. Come out and enjoy a great meal. Carry outs call 395-4072.

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Peel & Holland's Young earns certifications

BENTON, Ky. – Mike Young, a risk advisor at Peel & Holland, recently earned the certifications of Associate in Risk Management for Public Entities and Certified School Risk Manager. The Associate in Risk Management-Risk Management for Public Entities (ARM-P) designation is awarded to professionals who complete a course and pass an exam on risk management. ARM designees possess the in-depth knowledge needed to assess and respond to the numerous hazard risks companies face. Young has held his ARM designation for several years, and just recently completed the program to add the emphasis on public entities. The Certified School Risk



Mike Young

Manager (CSRM) program is a five-part designation program that requires participants to complete five courses and exams. CSRMs learn fundamen-

tals of risk management and how to handle, measure, fund and administer school risks. Young works with schools and public entities across the Commonwealth alongside the other public entity staff at Peel & Holland. He and his wife, Jonda, reside in Benton with their two children. Peel & Holland, established in 1924, specializes in insurance, risk consulting and employee benefits. With offices in Benton, Mayfield, Murray and Paducah, Peel & Holland has been built on the principles of providing superior customer service and quality insurance solutions for its clients, while being trusted to give back to the communities it serves.

In Uniform

Alexander

Army National Guard Pvt. Jacob D. Alexander has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). During basic military training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons qualification, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army doctrine, history, principles and traditions.

During AIT, the soldier completed the military police specialist course to acquire skills to provide combat area support, conduct battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, and law and order operations. The trainee performed as a team member in support of battlefield operations, installation law and order operations and security of Army resources and installations. Additional training included providing peacetime support to the military community through security

of resources, crime prevention programs, and preservation of law and order. Alexander is the son of Dan Alexander of Benton.

Purple Heart

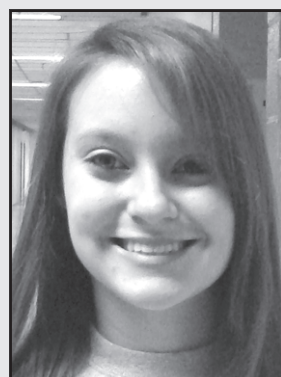
The Military Order of the Purple Heart Four Rivers Chapter 0585 hold monthly breakfast and meetings at KY Dam Village restaurant, 2nd Saturday of each month. If you are a recipient of the Purple Heart or family member, you are invited to attend. Call Bill Fletcher, Adjutant at 270-252-3372.

TODAY'S TEENS

Jordan Beale, senior at Christian Fellowship School, is an outstanding young lady who excels academically and personally. She has been a member of the varsity volleyball team for four years. She has also been a member of the Student Council four years, currently serving as president. Jordan traveled on a mission trip to El Salvador, where she worked at an orphanage. She has also made trips to Mexico to construct housing for the needy. Jordan's favorite quote is, "Live without any regrets", something she strives to do daily. Jordan is the daughter of Bob and Darcy Beale of Benton.



Kristen Brooks is a senior at Livingston Central High School and is a member of Beta Club, TLC, FBLA, FCA, Spirit Club, and Science Club. She is an active member of Heartland Worship Center and volunteers regularly at St. Luke's. At Christmas she helped raise money for the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at Lowe's and Wal-Mart. For the past two years she has helped with the school's Beta Club/Red Cross blood drive. Kristen has also helped raise money for the sports teams and helps by picking up trash on the side of the road and washing cars. Kristen is the daughter of Linda Glenn and Steve Glenn of Smithland.



Hannah Owens is a senior at Marshall County High School and is involved in Sharpe Missionary Baptist Church's Youth Group. The past 4 years she has been on a mission trip to a Montana Indian Reservation and helped with VBS for kids and teen outreach. I was also chosen to be a Green Dot for MCHS, to teach teens how to stop and prevent acts of violence and bullying. She participated in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and in the Diabetes Walk. Hannah is one of the editors for the MCHS Yearbook Staff and a member of the Green Alliance-a recycling club, and is on the MCHS Cross Country and Track Teams. She is the daughter of Cary and Rhonda Owens from Calvert City.



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No serious injuries in commercial vehicle crash

Lyon County - On February 22, officers with the Kentucky State Police / Commercial Vehicle Enforcement were dispatched to the North bound side of Interstate 69 in reference to an overturned semi truck. When officers arrived on scene they were informed that the driver was trapped inside the passenger area of the truck.

The driver, Danny L Weyrauch of Fairdale, KY told investigating officers that he had taken a drink of his coffee and began to choke. Weyrauch also advised that he then passed out from choking on his coffee. The semi truck ran off the right shoulder of the roadway as a result of the driver losing consciousness and traveled down the remaining portion of the guard rail until it ended. The semi truck then continued off of the right shoulder of the roadway through a ditch at which time the semi truck and trailer laid over onto its left side, coming to a final rest in a wooded area.

Weyrauch was transported from the scene by Lyon County E.M.S. to Lourdes Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The Officers were assisted on the scene by Eddyville Fire Department, Lyon Co. E.M.S., Lyon Co. Sheriff, and Princeton Fire Department.



Ky. State Police photos

The driver of the semi had to be extricated by resuce personnel while authorities began the task of cleaning up the trucks load of avocados.



Law and Order

Calvert City

Thomas S. Creekmore, 21, of 63293 Wildahl Road, Coos Bay, OR was arrested on February 25, 2012 by Officer Glenn Pritchard for possession of a controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Haney, 26, of 588 Elder Street, Calvert City was arrested on February 26, 2012 by Officer Glenn Pritchard for assault 4th degree (domestic violence) minor injury.

Marshall County

On February 22 Deputy Dennis Lewis responded to a head on collision on Mayfield Highway. Savanah G. Wilkins 18, of Benton, was traveling east while Colins P. Kelly 43, of Kirksey was traveling west at the time of the collision. According to Colins, Wilkins crossed over the center line and hit him head on. Colins was unable to avoid the collision. Investigation revealed that Wilkins may have been intoxicated at the time of the collision. Both subjects were taken to Marshall County Hospital by Marshall

County EMS. Both parties were also transported via helicopter to Vanderbilt Hospital due to the severity of their injuries. Wilkins was cited to court due to her injuries for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence due to witness statement of the condition of the driver at the time of the incident. Wanton Endangerment 1st, Improper Registration Plate, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Failure to Wear Seat Belt, Possession of Controlled Substance 3rd and Prescription Controlled Substance Not in Proper Container were also among her charges.

On February 23 Deputy Nathan Maxlow was dispatched to Mount Moriah Road in reference to a single vehicle collision. Upon arrival the subject had left the scene and was later located at a residence on Old Calvert City Road. At the scene Deputy Maxlow located a 12 pack of beer in vehicle concealed under a sweatshirt. There was also an empty bottle of vodka that the subject had tried to conceal in the nearby tree line. The subject also had a strong odor of alcohol present

on himself. Jessie A. Moyers 18, of Calvert City, was arrested and charged with Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence, Failure to Wear Seat Belt, Leaving Scene of Accident, Possession of Open Alcohol Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle, Failure to Notify Address Change to Department of Transportation, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance and Person 18-20 Poses Purchase or Attempt to Purchase Alcohol. Moyers was lodged in the Marshall County Detention Center.

On February 25 Sgt. Eddie McGuire observed a vehicle pass by him on 5th St that was driving between the right lane and middle turn lane. The car behind the said vehicle abruptly pulled in next to Sgt. McGuire and advised the vehicle had been weaving previously and nearly caused an accident. Sgt. McGuire conducted a traffic stop on vehicle in the Wal-Mart parking lot. As the subject exited the vehicle a small empty bottle of vanilla extract containing 35% alcohol per the

label was located under her leg. Suzanne Nicole Edwards 36, of Calvert City, was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence and lodged in the Marshall County Detention Center.

On February 27 Deputy Tim Reynolds responded to a collision of a vehicle striking a house on Scale Road. Upon arrival Deputy Reynolds made contact with a passenger of the vehicle who stated the driver and others fled the scene. The driver, Joshua R. Spoonamore 21, of Trafalgar, IN, was located at another residence on Scale Road. Spoonamore admitted to driving the vehicle and had a strong odor of alcohol present on him. Spoonamore was transported to Western Baptist. The vehicle had a KY registration not matching the vehicle later confirmed stolen through Livingston County Sheriff's Office. The VIN on the vehicle indicated stolen out of Indiana and was confirmed. Spoonamore was also wanted on Felony warrants out of IN. Spoonamore was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, Wanton Endangerment 1st Deg, Receiving Stolen Property U/\$10,000, Leaving Scene of Accident, Theft of Motor Vehicle Registration Plate and Criminal Mischief 2nd Deg.

Livingston County meth bust may have exposed children

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department has arrested Kenneth Murray, 31 and Jamie Bryan, 35 at their residence in the Hampton Community of Livingston County. Sheriff's Deputies and Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force Members went to the residence during the evening hours of February 23 to execute an arrest warrant on Murray for the charge of Making a False Statement Regarding a Prescription Order, Report, or Record. Upon taking Murray into custody officers were made aware that there was an amount of marijuana in the residence. A search warrant located ingredients and materials for the manufacturing in methamphetamine. Some items were hidden in an air vent under the trailer while other items were in plain view.

Deputies also located a considerable amount of methamphetamine in the finished stage in several locations. It appeared that the actual methamphetamine was being manufactured inside of the residence. There were also several firearms in the residence in close proximity to the methamphetamine.

Three juveniles were removed from the residence and released to the custody of relatives. Deputies are concerned that the children may have been exposed to the metham-

phetamine and the products used to manufacture the methamphetamine. The Cabinet for Families and Children will be assisting with this portion of the on-going investigation.

Kenneth Murray and Jamie Bryan were charged with the following charges:

Manufacturing methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Degree, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Controlled Substance Endangerment to a Child. Both individuals were lodged in the McCracken County Jail.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department would like to encourage the public to report suspected drug activity and would like to thank the members of the public who have assisted within the last several months. This is the third methamphetamine lab that has been located and an arrest made in just a little over a month.



Kenneth Murray



Jamie Bryan

Bill could cut tourism funding in Grand Rivers

Bill could cut tourism funding in Grand Rivers continued from page 3A.

Michael Tullar, owner of Patti's 1880s Settlement in Grand Rivers is opposed to the change in the bill. He says his firm paid \$67,000 last year in restaurant tax to the Grand Rivers Tourist Commission if the bill is enacted more than \$50,000 of that money would go to the city's general fund instead.

Tullar said the city presently has an annual budget of just over \$120,000 and they would probably use the additional money to pay for the sewer system instead of tourism related activities. He explained the one percent tax collected from rooms and restaurant sales in Grand Rivers had been used over the years to fund events like the fireworks show, build the Badgett Playhouse, repair and remodel the jetty and add more lights annually

to the Christmas display in the town.

Tullar said taking away 75 percent of the tax money used now by the tourist commission would eliminate one full time job and most of the festivals and activities now provided by the tourist commission. He said it amount to no growth and no nothing for Grand Rivers.

Tullar also pointed out if the bill is approved it would amount to a tax increase across the state. It would allow every Fourth and Fifth Class city in the state to charge up to three percent on every meal served by every restaurant in those towns. He said that meant every morning people in rural areas across the state would be paying more every morning for their breakfast at McDonalds and he said the bill was just another tax on people.

Senior Day for Darius Miller in Rupp Arena

Kentucky's game on Thursday evening against Georgia will mark Darius Miller's final appearance in Rupp Arena. Over the course of Miller's career, the forward from Maysville has been a stabilizing force for the Wildcats during a time of flux. The former Kentucky Mr. Basketball will finish his collegiate career as one of the most successful Kentucky natives to play for the Wildcats in recent memory.

After leading his Mason County squad to the 2008 State Championship, Miller entered the Kentucky program in the tumultuous era of Billy Gillispie. Despite a productive season for the 6-foot-8 freshman, the Wildcats failed to make the NCAA tournament in a season marred by the erratic behavior of Kentucky's coach. The Wildcats lost in the quarterfinals of the NIT, and Gillispie was fired shortly after.

John Calipari was hired on March 31, 2009. Despite an influx of talented players, Miller's play caught the attention of the new Kentucky coach, and the sophomore forward quickly worked his way into the starting lineup. The Wildcats finished the season with a 35-3 record, falling in the Elite Eight to West Virginia.

The 2010-2011 season brought in a new crop of Calipari's super-freshmen, and Miller's play continued to be a consistent force for the Wildcats. The forward finished his



Big Blue Notes
By Eric Howard

junior campaign averaging 10.9 points a game and was named the MVP of the 2011 SEC Tournament. The Wildcats advanced to the Final Four for the first time in thirteen years.

In his final year, Miller has relished his role as a leader and mentor to his youthful teammates. The senior forward has excelled as the sixth man on a loaded Kentucky roster, often serving as a calming influence when he enters the game. Miller's leadership has helped the Wildcats ascend to the No. 1 ranking and win Kentucky's 45th SEC title. As March draws near, the Mason County native looks to take the final step in his collegiate career, bringing home the Wildcats' 8th National Title.

•Kentucky clinches SEC title

With a dramatic 73-64 comeback victory over Mississippi State, Kentucky clinched the school's 45th SEC regular season conference championship. The conference title is the sec-

ond for Calipari in his three seasons at Kentucky.

The Wildcats trailed Mississippi State by 13 at the half, marking Kentucky's largest halftime deficit of the season. Calipari's squad responded with a masterful second-half defensive performance, holding the Bulldogs to 23 points. Led by the clutch shooting of senior Darius Miller, the Wildcats pulled away from Mississippi State in the waning moments of the game.

•Future Cats named to McDonald's Game

Two members of Kentucky's 2012 recruiting class were named to the prestigious McDonald's All-American game. Archie Goodwin, a 6-foot-4 shooting guard from Arkansas, was selected to play for the West, and Alex Poythress, a 6-foot-7 forward from Tennessee, was named to the East.

The selection of Goodwin and Poythress marks the 11th and 12th McDonald's All-Americans to come to Kentucky during the Calipari era. The two future Wildcats will play at 8:30 p.m. on March 28th. The game will be televised on ESPN.

Editor's note: Eric Howard is a Calvert City native who lives in Lexington and is a committed UK Wildcat fan. Howard will be writing a weekly column for The Lake News this season about the Wildcats.

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Copying story not our intent

We believe that when you have done something wrong you should admit it. We believe that a newspaper must hold itself to a standard that is just as strict as the standard we apply to others.

It has taken me until now to come to terms with how to explain how in our February 15, 2012 issue we published a virtually exact copy of the Tribune-Courier’s story on the lawsuit filed by Shane Jaco against four Marshall County officials.

It was not our intent to plagiarize Mr. Jody Norwood’s story. While our actions did not show it we do respect the intellectual property of others and a media firm’s right to profit from its efforts to provide original and unique content to its readers.

When I was contacted by the management at the Tribune-Courier they were understandably angry. I was shocked and physically sickened by what we had done.

Since then we have accumulated a number of excuses for why and how this happened. We learned of the lawsuit when we saw the story in our competitor’s publication. We like any other news organization realized immediately we needed to cover this story for our publication. We immediately assigned a brand new part-time employee during their second day on the job to make a telephone call to check the facts in the story and write a story about it for our publication. Unfortunately brand new part-time employees don’t always understand what it is that is required of them. Our writer checked the facts in the lawsuit but mistakenly assumed the story had to stay the same as the one the Tribune-Courier had already published. So what resulted was a very near to perfect copy.

The blame for what happened can not be placed on the shoulders of a young person who has never written about court proceedings before. The blame for that rests on my shoulders. I read our story but I did not think to compare it against the story in the Tribune-Courier. Since I am the senior member of our staff and know that copying their story would be plagiarism and frankly theft it was my responsibility to make certain what we put on our front page was a unique re-presentation of the facts of the story. I did not do that. Had I made that comparison the story we carried on February 15 would not have made it into print.

While all of these events, the choices we made and the choices we did not make happened in a period of about an hour when we were rushing to meet a press deadline that doesn’t relieve us of our responsibility for what we print. We are very much aware of this and while we have previously explained what happen to management at the Tribune-Courier we now offer in print our sincerest apology to them and to Mr. Norwood. To their credit when once they learned what happened they accepted my apology and I am grateful for that.

For nearly 28 years The Lake News has worked to earn the trust of both our readers and the community at large. We are not perfect but we do know right from wrong. We want each of you to know that we always strive to be in the right. But when we are wrong we will not make excuses we will admit it and take steps to prevent it from happening again. In addition to doing this we are also starting to identify the origin of stories. Weekly newspapers as a part of their weekly operation print stories submitted to them from a variety of sources verbatim. That’s why readers often see the exact same story in more than one newspaper. We also intend to apply this to photos to let the reader know which have been submitted to us and which are generated by our staff. All of our original stories will now carry bylines. We can do better and it is our intent to do just that.

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Editorial

Car radio was a window on the world

Cold and clammy half winter weather has a way of making everyone miss summer even more. Of course when hot summer time finally does get here most of the people who complain so much about winter will be hovering inside in air conditioned comfort. Nothing takes me back to my youth as much as hot summer weather. Some of the best memories I have were made in the hottest time of summer.

Summer evenings were the best. When I was a kid and finally got my own car and could ride down paved roads where the trees along the road gave a shady coolness that was a relief to the heat even though it was still so hot you sweated through your shirt and it stuck to the upholstery of the seat back. In those days AM radio was king and after sundown the local stations would have to cut their broadcasting power. Then the clear channel stations to power up and they could be heard for hundreds of miles across the U.S.

The old car I owned never had a radio until I bought one and installed it in the dash. I seems kind of strange now



Northwest Passage
By Loyd Ford

that lots of cars and trucks back then didn’t have radios or for that matter any kind of power equipment like power steering or power brakes that we expect to be standard on vehicles today. Air conditioning and power windows and locks came on the pricey new models not the old cars and trucks that fit my price range. I only gave \$100 for that old car but I was as thrilled as if it were a Cadillac.

Putting the radio in was a tricky maneuver for me. It fit in the precut hole in the dash all I had to do was remove the cover plate over the hole and

mount the radio in the dash. Then getting power to it wasn’t too bad I think I spliced into another power device so the radio would be off if the ignition key was turned off but I can’t remember what it was that I use for the power source. I remember drilling a hole in the front fender to mount the antenna and everything looked good except the radio didn’t work very well when I turned it on.

In the process of trying to figure out what was wrong with the radio I touched the antenna to make sure it was securely attached to the fender. As soon as I touched the antenna the radio blared loudly and the reception was great. As soon as I released the antenna the radio seemed to lose the signal and didn’t play very loud at all. I guessed right away the radio wasn’t properly grounded and that touched off an off and on battle to keep the radio grounded that lasted for as long as I owned that old car.

At one time I considered trying to get someone to sit on the fender and hold the antenna all the time but I couldn’t find anyone who would volunteer

for the position. One of the main reasons I wanted a radio, even if it wasn’t a great radio, was to listen to the clear channel radio station WLS in Chicago, IL. Late at night WLS came in clear as a bell on that cheap radio with the lousy ground. WLS played great, up to date Rock and Roll music. Listening to WLS was a rare window on the world even if it was a Rock and Roll world. It was a far different world than the one I had always known here. The summer of 1969 when I put that radio in that old Chevy was an eventful time as were almost all of the late 60s and early 70s. Rock and Roll music in 1969 definitely was not your parent’s music. At the time listening to Rock music on a Chicago station here would be comparable to listening to music coming from another world in space today. While I was far from a 1960s radical when I was growing up it was still a great time to be able to hear new music and new ideas. It’s strange to think that a cheap radio in an old car contributed so much to who I am today.

You can learn a lot in the backfield at Granny’s

For sometime now I have made it known that my feelings have been hurt over the fact that I never learned to shoot when I was a kid. I would like to blame this on the fact that I was a girl, but my female relations are all quite liberated, so no one is likely to believe that story. As a matter of fact, I don’t think anyone was ever crazy enough to try to oppress them in the first place. Truth be known I never learned how to shoot because I was a prissy little sassy-pants who didn’t like loud noises or being told how to do anything. So somehow, I managed to go to a million turkey shoots and eat mounds of game without ever learning how to shoot. I



Emily Morrison saw this as a serious flaw in my education. It was a little embarrassing. There are just some things that you can only appreciate if you have red-necked genes. Gardening, trucks and fishing

are just the tip of the iceberg. With each new arrival of my copy of Garden and Gun, I felt a little more ashamed of my lacking skills. As I flipped through the glossy pages filled with restaurant reviews, horticultural tips, and outfitter advertisements I became determined to learn how. Enter little brother, naturally who is referred to in the family as Bubba, and a grand scheme to teach me to shoot. Over the Christmas holiday, we began plotting a family duck hunt for next year. Dates were set to teach me how to shoot. I am going to learn how to shoot!

We had our first lesson Saturday afternoon in Granny’s

backfield. Once we got the pigeon flinger to work and got Suzie, Granny’s yellow-lab German shepherd mix to understand that we were trying to play fetch, and me to remember all the little steps that go into this shooting business, things went great. Holy cow! Shooting stuff is so much fun! No wonder people like to do it all the time. I even got a couple myself. I’m going to frame those clay pigeon pieces I think they will bring just the stark of color my house needs, florescent orange. I am woefully inept next to Bubba and Daddy. But, that’s not the point of any of this. It’s just another fun thing to do outside with the people you love.

KY libraries pass milestone with more than 20 million visits

FRANKFORT, Ky. – For the first time, Kentucky’s public libraries recorded more than 20 million visits by patrons who checked out more than 30 million books and other items from the libraries’ collections in 2011, according to statistics compiled by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) from annual reports submitted by Kentucky’s 118 public library systems. Almost 2.5 million Kentuckians, 57 percent of the state’s population, are registered to use library services. Among the variety of services available, public libraries provided 4,127 computers free-of-charge for public use. During nearly 5 million computer sessions in 2011, Kentuckians used library computers for creating resumes, searching and

applying for jobs, accessing e-government resources, doing homework for school at all levels, obtaining information for small business applications and searching for information on a variety of topics. Classes at libraries provided instruction for 35,000 Kentuckians in using electronic resources. The 20,119,053 visits to the libraries in 2011 was a nearly 2 percent increase over 2010. “These numbers demonstrate that public libraries have become more important than ever to Kentuckians during the economic recession. Public libraries are providing a wide range of services that meet the needs of Kentuckians as never before. The tax payer is definitely seeing a big return on their investment in the public library,” said Wayne Onkst, state librarian

and commissioner of KDLA. Books remain the most popular service in libraries. The number of books checked out in Kentucky’s public libraries increased by 170,000 to more than 20 million. In addition to printed books, the number of e-books checked out by public libraries increased dramatically to more than 200,000. Kentuckians also attended programs in libraries in record numbers. More than 1.22 million attended programs planned especially for children, an 8 percent increase over 2010, in addition to Kentuckians of all ages who attended the 58,000 programs held in libraries. Libraries are continuing to look to future services that Kentuckians need. In addition to more computers, wireless access to the Internet is now

available with Wi-Fi hotspots in 115 of the public library systems. Remote access to library information and services is also provided by 112 library systems. “It’s exciting to see the level of activity from people of all ages at our public libraries. Kentuckians are continuing to use the services, resources and information at our public libraries at an increasing rate, and libraries have stepped up to the challenge of meeting those needs in a multitude of ways,” said Onkst. KDLA provides equitable access to quality library and information resources and services, as well as helps public agencies ensure that legislatively mandated documentation of government programs is created.

KY House expected to propose budget in line with Beshear’s

By Jack Brammer
Lexington Herald-Leader

FRANKFORT — The state House is expected to propose a two-year state budget with no new taxes that mostly will keep Gov. Steve Beshear’s recommended 8.4 percent spending cuts for many agencies and provide no salary increases for state workers and teachers. House Democratic leaders worked during the weekend on their chamber’s financial plan for the state. They mulled over the budget Beshear unveiled in January, one of the most austere in recent history. House budget chairman Rick Rand, D-Bedford, told reporters Sunday that House leaders have not decided what, if any, substantial changes might be made in the governor’s \$19.5 billion budget. But he said Beshear’s recommended cuts “probably in

large” will stay in place. “It’s going to be awfully hard to find money in this budget to restore many,” he said. Beshear has proposed \$286 million in cuts, a move he said could mean some state agencies might have to trim staff. Under Beshear’s plan, agencies would receive the same amount in both years of the budget. Several key programs would be exempt from the 8.4 percent cuts, while others would see smaller cuts. Beshear’s exempted programs include Medicaid; the main funding formula for K-12 schools; preschool; veterans’ affairs; child and adult protection; mental health; prisons, probation and parole; public defenders; student financial aid; mine permitting and reclamation; and the Kentucky Horse Park. Programs that would see smaller cuts under Beshear’s

plan include universities and community colleges, 6.4 percent. Rand noted that the House might have some different spending priorities than the governor does, but he said the House would not do anything to raise additional money. The House budget chairman said it was “possible but not probable” that the legislature would follow actions in past budgets and try to find money by mandating that the governor initiate additional savings. The House will not try to raise more money at this time, Rand said, He said the House probably would keep in its budget the \$21 million Beshear recommended to add more than 300 social workers and support staff in an effort to reduce caseloads of front-line social workers. He was not as sure about the fate of Beshear’s call for more money for early childhood ed-

ucation. He said educators are telling House leaders that more money should be directed to preschool. Rand said no decisions have been made on the legislative and judicial budgets and Beshear’s proposal to spend \$1 million for colon cancer screenings for the uninsured, to be matched by \$1 million in private donations. The lawmaker said it was too early to say how much debt the House would recommend for building projects. The weekend budget discussions did not deal with a proposal to use coal severance tax revenue to bring University of Pikeville into the state university system, Rand said. The House hopes to get its budget proposal to the Senate within two weeks, Rand said. The legislative session must end by April 15.

Area Deaths

Suzanne Jones

Suzanne Jones, age 57, of Calvert City, KY., died February 23, 2012 at Lourdes Hospital. She was a member of Calvert City Church of Christ.

She was the daughter of the late Roy Smith and Jane (Moxley) Smith of Calvert City, KY.

She is survived by her husband, Gurvey Jones; three sons, Jeremy Jones, Jason Jones, and John Paul Jones, all of Calvert City, KY; brothers, Ronald Smith of TX., Mark Smith of MO; sister, Janet Turner of Benton, KY; four grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Collier Funeral Home, Benton, KY.

Graveside funeral services and interment were held February 26, 2012 at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Carter O’Neil Darnall

Carter O’Neil Darnall, age 80, of Sharpe, KY., died February 22, 2012 at Parkview Nursing Center in Paducah. He was a member of North Marshall Church of Christ.

He was the son of the late William Henry Curtis Darnall and the late Wilma (Starks) Darnall.

He is survived by his wife, Berta Mae (Cotham) Darnall; son, Bryan Darnall of Benton, KY; daughters, Linda Defew of Salem, KY., Janet Noles of Benton; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Vernon Lee Darnall; and grandchild, Joshua Wayne Noles.

Funeral services were held February 24, 2012 at Collier Funeral Chapel in Benton, KY. Interment followed at Sharpe Church of Christ Cemetery, Sharpe, KY.

Alberta G. Tyner

Alberta G. (Wright) Tyner, age 84, of Marion, KY., died February 25, 2012 at her home. She was a member of Tolu United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Tyner-Belt of Marion; sister, Mary Lee Brazell of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul W. Tyner; sisters, Nanette Wright, May Walker; brothers, Bennett F. Wright, Andy Wright, and Noble Wright; and her parents, James T. and Mamie Lee Cline Wright.

Funeral services were held February 28, 2012 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem, KY. Burial followed in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of memorial contributions to: Tolu United Methodist Church, Crittenden County Humane Society, or Tolu Fire Department, C/O Boyd Funeral Directors, PO Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Condolences may be left online at www.boydfuernaldirectors.com.

Gary M. Schroader

Gary M. Schroader, age 61, of Benton, KY., died February 23, 2012 at Marshall County Hospital. He was a member of Hardin Church of Christ where he served as a Deacon.

He was the son of the late Brooks Schroader and the late Ruby (Lewis) Schroader.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Schroader; son, Tommy Schroader of Brighton, TN.

He was preceded in death by one brother.

Funeral services were held February 26, 2012 at Collier Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Union Hill Cemetery, Benton.

Alan C. Collins

Alan C. Collins, age 56, of Benton, KY., died February 26, 2012 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center.

Services were incomplete at press time at Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home in Benton.

Condolences may be sent at www.filbeckcannking.com

Charles R. Blankenship

Charles R. Blankenship, age 83, of Ledbetter, KY., died February 22, 2012 at Oakview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Calvert City. He was a U.S. Army veteran and attended Southland Baptist Temple.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Loretta Swinford Blankenship; sons, Erwin Blankenship and Stewin (Bear) Blankenship; daughter, Sheila Childers, all of Ledbetter; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Lacy Blankenship and Mermon Van Vactor Blankenship.

Funeral services were held February 25, 2012 at Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Ledbetter.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society, 3140 Parisa Drive, Paducah, KY 42003.

Condolences may be left online at www.hughesfuneral.com.

Linda Sue Bowerman

Linda Sue Bowerman, age 71, of Paducah, KY., died February 22, 2012 at her daughter’s residence in Paducah. She was a member of East Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Cecil Ray (Buddy) Bowerman Jr. of Paducah., Loren Dwayne Smith of Smithland, KY; daughters, Lecia Marchelle Langston of Paducah, Theresa Perich of Chicago, IL; sister, Anna Louise Powley of Paducah; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Ray Bowerman Sr; son, Lex Bronson Smith; her parents, Lex B. Dawes and Ruby May Allen Dawes; two brothers.

Funeral services were held February 27, 2012 at Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial followed at Salyers Cemetery in Marshall County.

Rhonda Bock

Rhonda Bock, age 53, of Benton, KY., died February 25, 2012 at Lourdes Hospital. She was a member of Briensburg Church of Christ.

She was the daughter of the late Daniel E. Myers and Joann (Adair) Myers of Paducah, KY.

She is also survived by her husband, Don Bock; daughter, Jessica Lofton of Champaign, IL; son, Eli Bock of Joliet, IL; brother, Danny Myers of Clinton, KY.

She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel E. Myers.

Memorial services were held February 27, 2012 in the Chapel of the Collier Funeral Home in Benton.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Marshall County Humane Society, 6301 U.S. Hwy 68 East, Benton, KY 42025.

Condolences may be left online at www.collierfuneral-home.com

Joan Love Thomas

Joan Love Thomas, age 80, of Marion, KY., died February 22, 2012 at Crittenden County Hospital. She was a charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, John Ed; two children, Wade Thomas and Estie Thomas, both of Marion; four grandchildren, three great-grand children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Estelle Pogue Love.

Graveside services were held February 26, 2012 at Love Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to a church of your choice.

Condolences may also be left online at www.boydfuneral-directors.com.

Bill L. Pursley

Bill L. Pursley, age 65, of Benton, KY., died February 24, 2012 at Marshall County Hospital. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

He was the son of the late James Irving Pursley and Marilyn J. Pursley of Gilbertsville, KY.

He is also survived by his wife, Lorna (Woodrum) Pursley; one daughter, Leigh Ann Ridgeway of Paducah, KY; one son, Darrin Pursley of Benton; two step-daughters, Susan Padgett of Sevierville, TN., and Patty Pace of Benton; one step-son, Kenneth Galyon of Henderson, KY; brothers, Jim Pursley of Lecanto, FL., and Jerry Pursley of Calvert City, KY; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 28, 2012 in the Chapel of the Collier Funeral Home in Benton. Entombment with military honors followed at the Marshall County Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Benton, KY.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Brenda McClaran, 510 West 9th St., Benton, KY 42025, or to the Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital, PMB 407727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7727.

Virginia D. Culp Smith

Virginia D. Culp Smith, age 87, of Paducah, KY., formerly of Briensburg, died February 22, 2012 at Lourdes Hospital. She was a member of Reidland Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Forrest P. Smith; two sons, Benjamin Alan Smith of Greenville, TX., David Lynn Smith of Katy, TX; one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and her parents, Marvin Altar Culp and Bertie Lee Holly Culp.

Funeral services were held February 24, 2012 at Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah. Entombment followed at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Condolences may be left online www.hughesfuneral.com

Edrie Hancock

Edrie Hancock, age 98, of Benton, KY., died February 24, 2012 at Medco Center of Paducah. She was a member of the North Marshall Church of Christ.

She is survived by daughters, Glenda Kay Dye and Sue Kathryn Sutton, both of Paducah, KY; son, David Ronald Hancock of Chapel Hill, TN; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Woodrow Hancock; six sisters, Marguerite Arant, Eula Harper, Lola Haywood, Ruth Wilson, Irene Spurlin and Mamie Dunn; three brothers, Marvin Dunn, Hubert Dunn and Roy Dunn. Her parents were Edd Marion Dunn and Effie Caroline English Dunn.

Funeral services were held February 27, 2012 at Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial followed in the Sharpe Cemetery.

Roy Skinner

Roy Skinner, age 81, of Benton, KY., died February 21, 2012 at Western Baptist Hospital. He was a member of Calvery Baptist Church at Grand Rivers.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja Wommack Skinner; children, Dale Skinner, Darrell Skinner, both of Grand Rivers, KY., Songa Jennings of Grand Rivers, KY; brothers, Wayne Skinner of Eddyville, KY., Arthur Skinner of Grand Rivers, KY., Orville Skinner of Orlando, FL; sister, Lois Sepulvado of Calvert City, KY; six granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Edna Haney Skinner; his first wife, Anieta Pendergrass Peek; five brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held February 23, 2012 in the Collier Funeral Chapel in Benton. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery in Livingston, County, KY.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Youth Program at the Calvery Baptist Church, 750 Dover Rd., Grand Rivers, KY 42045.

Compassionate Friends support group meetings

If you have LOST A CHILD of any age, a support group has been formed in Grand Rivers, KY. Loved ones are invited to attend the group on the third Tuesday of each month (December is 2nd Sunday). Held from 7-9 p.m. at the Grand Rivers Community and Senior Center, 155 W Cumberland Ave, one block west of J.H. O’Bryan Avenue, one block west of J.H. O’Bryan Avenue and behind 1st KY bank.

For more information about the group, please feel free to call 270-217-4490 or email FourRiversCF@hotmail.com. To receive our newsletter, please visit The Compassionate Friends National website at www.compassionatefriends.org

Remember, God is with us all the days of our lives

Pilgrim’s Progress

By Lynn Jones

Psalms 23 is a most exciting composite of David’s thoughts about God’s relationship with him. Speaking from experience, David writes, “Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life until I’m back home in the house of Yahweh for the rest of my life.” (The Message)

What a surprising way to describe God! You and I are accustomed to a God who remains in one place. A God who sits enthroned in the heavens; who rules; who ordains. David, however, envisions a mobile and active God. Dare we do the same? Dare we envision a God who follows us? Dare we envision a God who tracks us down and wins over us? Dare we envision a God who follows us with “goodness and mercy” all the days of our lives?

Isn’t a God who follows us, the God described in the Bible? There are many scriptures that would indicate so. You don’t have to read beyond the third

chapter of Genesis before you find God in the role of seeker—Adam and Eve hiding and God’s words ringing in the garden, “Where are you?”

Moses can tell you about being sought by God. He was forty years in the desert when Moses looked over his shoulder and saw a bush burning. God followed him into the wilderness.

Jonah can tell you about seeking God. He was a fugitive on a boat when he looked over his shoulder and saw clouds brewing. God had followed him onto the ocean. Don’t forget the experiences of the disciples, an unnamed Samaritan woman, John the Apostle, Peter—God followed all of them!

God is the God who follows. Most of all God gives Himself to us. Even when we choose our house over His house, our trash over His grace, God still follows. God is there—never forcing, never leaving, patiently persistent, convincing us that He can be trusted to lead us home. His goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives!

I Love to Read Grand Finale

Book News

By Nancy Petty

Happy Leap Year Day! If you participated in our “I Love to Read” program this year, today is the final day to turn in your title list, Our “Grand Finale” is Friday, March 2, at our library at Benton. The fun starts at 10 AM and there will be games, prizes, and refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Did you watch the Masterpiece Classic production of “Downton Abbey”? There have been 2 seasons so far, and the second one just ended on KET last week. Marshall County Public Library at Calvert City has both seasons on DVD that you can check out and watch at home. We’ve heard that there will be a third installment next year, and we’ll be looking forward to seeing it. In case you missed it, this continuing story centers on the aristocratic Crawley family and their palatial home, Downton Abbey. Beginning in 1912 with the sinking of Titanic, the lives of the Crawley family and staff of servants who take care of the family have made for good viewing. The first season ended with the beginning of World War I, and, Season 2 covered the terrible years of the war. A marvelously talented cast of actors portrays these interesting characters and the story is actually filmed

at Highclere Castle in the English countryside, west of London. Call us if you would like us to hold one of the “Downton Abbey” DVDs for you.

If you find this period in history interesting, there are many books about this time. We ordered a couple of nonfiction books written by people who actually worked as servants during this period: “Below Stairs” by Margaret Powell, and “Rose: My Life in Service to Lady Astor” by Rosina Harrison. On the other end of the social order, “The Titled Americans: Three American Sisters and the British Aristocratic World Into Which They Married” by Elisabeth Kehoe tells of the gorgeous Jerome sisters from New York. Jennie Jerome became Lady Randolph Churchill and mother of Winston Churchill. Her sisters also married aristocratic husbands. “The Beauty and the Sorrow” is an acclaimed account of World War I.

There are also many novels set in this time. The classic Lord Peter Wimsey mysteries by Dorothy Sayers begin with the struggle Lord Peter endures after the war with what would now be called “Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome”. The “Inspector Ian Rutledge” series by Charles Todd also chronicles this time period, as does the excellent “Maisie Dobbs” series by Jacqueline Winspear.

Cowboy Church Chili Supper

Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church is hosting a FREE Chili and Desserts Supper on March 11, in Draffenville, Kentucky, and everyone is invited! All Cowboys and Cowgirls, country folks and city slickers are invited to a fun evening featuring the bluegrass gospel music of The Ridge Runners, Blue Reigns, and the Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church Praise & Worship group. It’s all FREE! Come

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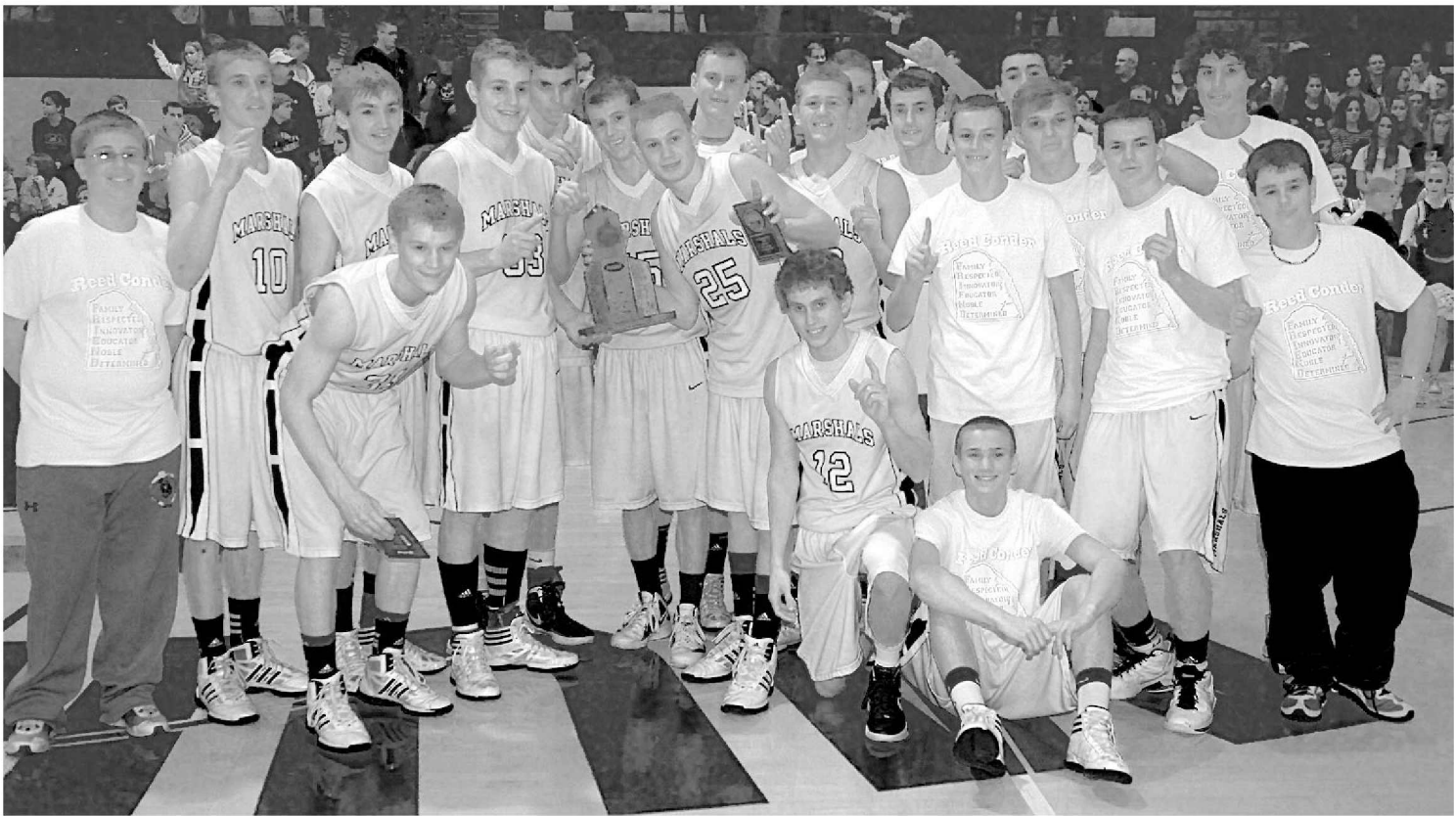
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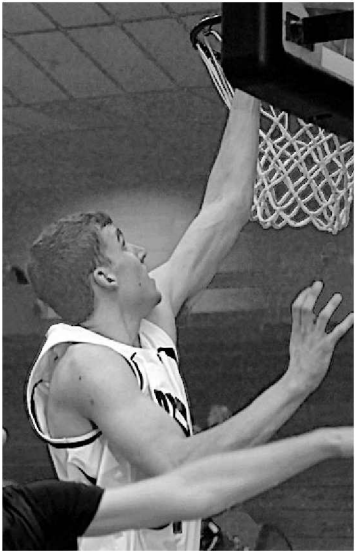
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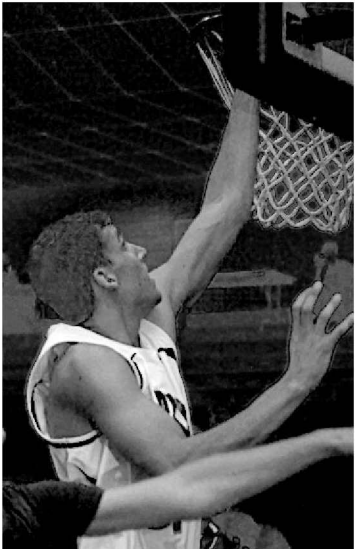


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Sports

Marshals shake off slow start defeat Lakers 57-52

By Loyd Ford
The Lake News

Murray- After missing shot after shot in the opening minutes of play it seemed as if Marshall County might not get their offense started but they did in just the nick of time. They went on to beat Calloway County 57-52 in the Fourth District boy's basketball championship game Friday night in Murray at host school Murray High. The win did not come easy for the Marshals who at times seemed as if they were tight and over wound. Marshall County fell behind seven points in the first period before taking charge late and taking a 13-11 lead just before the first period buzzer sounded. Calloway tied the basketball game up at 24-all at the half. Marshall County eased out to a 36-32 lead after three periods and they managed to ease out to an eight point margin at one time in the fourth period but the Lakers kept coming back and cut the lead to a single basket at one time.

Chase Clark and Chase York hit key free throws late in the basketball game to extend the lead back out to five points. Marshall County held on in the final half minute for the 57-52 win.

The Marshals had four players in double figures in the basketball game and they included Chase Clark with 15 points, Chase York with 10 points, Cole Nelson with 12 points, and Austin Rentfrow with 11 points. Calloway County was led by Parker Adams with 17 points and Wade Carter with 13 points. Carter kept the basketball game close for Calloway when he hit key three point baskets late in the game to cut the deficit. Carter made 3-of-4

three point attempts for the Lakers.

The Lakers edged the Marshals in rebounds at 27-to-26 but Marshall County cornered Calloway and took the basketball away from them 12 times. The Lakers had 19 turnovers in the basketball game to Marshall County's eight.

Marshall County's shooting in the first half was abysmal. They were 8/23 in the first half and most of their misses came from in close with little defensive pressure during the first period. In the opening minutes of play the Marshals just couldn't hit anything. Finally late in the period they settled down and began to make their shots.

Both teams will advance to play in the regional tournament that begins this week at Murray State University. Marshall County will face the only Region I team that beat them this year the Graves County Eagles. They play tonight; Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at MSU's CFSB Center at 7:45 p.m. Calloway County will face Paducah Tilghman on Thursday night, March 1, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. at CFSB Center.

Game statistics

Marshall County: 13 24 36 57
Calloway County: 11 24 32 52
Marshall County- Noah Steele, Peter Northcutt 5, Logan Taylor, Chase Buchanan 4, Tanner Jessup, Chase Clark 15, Chase York 10, Cole Nelson 12, Austin Rentfrow 11. FG 19/43. FT 18/28. Rebounds 26. Fouls 18.

Calloway County- Jay Green, Parker Adams 17, Clay Smotherman 3, Wade Carter 13, Skylar Hunter 3, Connor Wagner 8, Michael Wagner 8. FG 15/36. FT 15/18. Rebounds 27. Fouls 17.



Loyd Ford/The Lake News

The Marshall County Marshals celebrate their Fourth District Tournament Championship win in the photo above after they defeated the Calloway County Lakers 57-52 Friday night in the Murray High gym. The Marshals are on track to post their winningest basketball season ever. Tonight they will face off with the Graves County Eagles in the first round of the Region I Boy's Basketball Tournament at the CFSB Center at Murray State University.

Sloma silences Lions with 37 point effort

By Loyd Ford
The Lake News

Eddyville- Friday night the Livingston Central Lady Cardinals bowled over the Lyon County Lady Lions 58-43 to take the Fifth District girl's basketball title at Lyon County High School in Eddyville. Livingston Central's Aneta Sloma was unstoppable in the basketball game. She scored 37 points in the game for Livingston.

Sloma drilled four three-point baskets in the game. She

was deadly at the free throw line where she made 13-of-14 attempts. Sloma did not miss a free throw in the second half of the game.

Livingston posted a 16-11 lead after the first period. Then they put a strangle hold on the Lyon County defense and held them to just six points both the second and third periods. Livingston Central led 32-17 at the end of the first half and was on top 46-23 after three periods of play. Lyon County cut the margin in the final stanza with a 20 point scoring effort but by that time it was

too late to change the outcome of the basketball game.

Other players to score for the Lady Cardinals included Hannah Leidecker with nine points, Kaitlin Kirkham with two points, Hailee Lampley with four points and Kaitlyn Brooks with six points.

Jill P'Pool led Lyon County with 19 points. Kacie Freeman was just short of double figures for the Lady Lions at nine points.

The Lady Cards were drawn to play University Heights on Monday night February 27, 2012 at Christian County High

School in Hopkinsville in the second game of the opening round of the Region II girl's basketball tournament.

Game statistics

Livingston Central: 16 32 46 58
Lyon County: 11 17 23 43

Livingston Central- Courtney Walker, Hannah Leidecker 9, Aneta Sloma 37, Maggie Sloma, Kaylee Ringstaff, Kaitlin Kirkham 2, Hailee Lampley 4, Kaitlyn Brooks 6. FT 18/20.

Lyon County- Becca Somers 3, Kacie Freeman 9, Melanie P'Pool 4, Barrett Blackburn, Jill P'Pool 19, Haley White, Allie Claxton 8. FT 15/16. Fouls 17.



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Chase Clark with the basketball begins to drive around Calloway County's Parker Adams in the first half of the basketball game. Adams led all scorers with 17 but it was Clark and the Marshals that came away with the win.

Eddyville- Lucas Croft pulled out all the stops and led the Livingston Central Cardinals to the 5th District boy's basketball title over Lyon County last Thursday night. Croft scored 30 points in the 58-55 win for Livingston Central. Croft scored a total of 55 points in the two games of the 5th District tournament.

Croft was 3-for-5 from beyond the arc. He connected on 5-of-9 free throws as well.

Kenny Cowsert played a strong supporting role he turned in a double-double with his 17 point, 11 rebound performance. The win for the Cardinals also helped them to improve their record for the season to 21-10.

Other players to score for the Cardinals in the championship game included Jonathon



Lucas Croft

Armstrong with five points, Austin Woodward with four points and Austin Wright with two points. Complete game statistics were not available. The Cardinals advance

in Region II in the winner's bracket. They will play Henderson County tomorrow night, March 1, 2012 at Madisonville-North Hopkins High School at 6 p.m.

Livingston advanced in Fifth District play by defeating Crittenden County 56-49 on Monday night February 20, 2012. Lucas Croft led Livingston Central with 25 points and he was perfect from the free throw line. He went 8-for-8 in the basketball game all of them came in the second half.

Austin Woodward and Kenny Cowsert also scored in double figures for the Cards. Woodward scored 12 points and Cowsert scored 10 points.

The Cards and the Rockets were tied at 13-13 after the first period. Crittenden pulled

ahead at 26-24 at the half time. Then after three periods Livingston turned the tables and posted a 40-38 lead. Then in the fourth period Crittenden was forced to foul Croft for possession and he made them pay for it by making every single free toss. He scored half of Livingston's points at the foul line in the final period.

Game statistics

Livingston Central: 13 24 40 56
Crittenden County: 13 26 38 49

Livingston Central- Austin Woodward 12, Jonathon Armstrong 2, Kenny Cowsert 10, Dallas Love 3, Lucas Croft 25, Cole Zimmerman. FT 16/18. Fouls 14.

Crittenden County: Aaron Owen 4, Thomas Scott 12, Ethan Hill 4, Travis Gilbert 1, Bobby Knox 18, Devin Clark 10. FT 6/10. Fouls 18.

York's put back lifts Lady Marshals over Murray High Thursday night

By Loyd Ford
The Lake News

Murray- Allie York put back a miss by Alyssa Barnard to beat Murray High 61-60 in over time during the Fourth District Girl's basketball tournament championship game in Murray last Thursday night. It was Barnard who forced the overtime with a blocked shot just before the end of regulation play.

Marshall County struggled in the first period and fell behind the Lady Tigers 18-11. It took a long slow come back to get themselves in position to win the game. At the half Marshall County's girls were down by

four and they knew they had to turn up the defense in the second half if they wanted to have a chance at the title. They managed to reset the game in the third period by tying it up at 41-41. During the fourth period the basketball game between the two squads was neck and neck with neither team being able to find a way to break out to a comfortable lead.

Marshall County's defensive strategy paid off although it allowed the Lady Tigers lots of trips to the free throw line. Murray High took 31 free tosses and they made 20 of them, a third of their total

offense for the game. Neither team got the kind of shooting they would have liked to have had from the field Murray High was 18-of-45 from the field for 40 percent shooting while the Lady Marshals were 24-of-57 for 42 percent from the field.

Murray High was in position to win the game with just a few ticks left on the clock. They took the shot that could have ended the game in regulation but it got tipped out of bounds and the horn sounded. The game went into overtime with the score tied at 55-55.

Heading into overtime it looked like the momentum had swung in the Lady

Marshal's favor. They had come from behind to take the lead in the fourth period and while Murray re-took the lead in the final minute and a half the late stopper by the Lady Marshals made it look like they might take control in the overtime period. Instead the game went right down to the final tick of the clock in the overtime period. There were questions from the Murray bench about whether or not York's shot went down before the buzzer but in the end the shot counted and Marshall County's girls claimed the Fourth District crown.

The Lady Marshals drew

Hickman County in the second game of the opening round of the Region I Girl's Basketball Tournament on Monday night, February 29, 2012 in the CFSB Center at Murray State University at 7:45 p.m.

Marshall County's Tori Fehrenbacher led all scorers with 17 points. York and Taylor Meadows were also in double figures for Marshall County with 15 and 11 points respectively.

The Lady Tigers had four players in double figures including Kalai Trice with 10 points, Shelby Crouch with 15 points, Julie Thiede with 12 points and Janssen Starks

with 10 points.

Game statistics

Marshall County: 11 29 41 55
61

Murray High: 18 33 41 55 60

Marshall County- Mariah McKenty 9, Allie York 15, Rachael Reed, Taylor Meadows 11, Tr. Fehrenbacher 17, Alyssa Barnard 7, Toni Fehrenbacher 2, Alex Brown. FG 24/57. FT 11/16. Rebounds 38. Fouls 19. Record 24-8.

Murray High- Kalai Trice 10, Shelby Crouch 15, Julie Thiede 12, Haley Armstrong 9, Janzen Starks 10, Abby McAlpin 4, Christina Duncan. FG 18/45. FT 20/31. Rebounds 32. Fouls 14. Record 23-8.

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Making good on a promise to the Calvert Elementary School Junior Beta Club, school Principal Phyllis O'Neal took to the roost (roof) on Friday dressed like a chicken. O'Neal told the group that if they raised over \$1000. for Special Olympics during the Polar Plunge Event she would take to the roof and do the chicken dance for the entire school. The group raised \$2000. and also jumped in Kentucky Lake during the annual event on February 4.



State college savings plan awards a \$1,000 account on behalf of a new baby born in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) recently announced that it would be giving away \$1,000 college savings accounts to four lucky babies born in Kentucky. Harrison Zimmerman, born to Brad and Erin Zimmerman of Louisville, was chosen in a random drawing as the first of four winning babies to have a KESPT account set up in his name. “The best time to start saving for college is when a child is born -- because time

and the power of compounding can work in your favor,” said David Lawhorn, KESPT administrator. “The goal of KESPT’s new baby campaign is to raise awareness about the importance of starting early to save for college, and our state’s 529 plan can help.” Parents, guardians or grandparents are invited to enter online at kysaves.com for a chance to win a \$1,000 KESPT account on behalf of a new baby. One entry will be randomly selected at the end of each calendar

quarter through Sept. 30, 2012. Babies born in the 12 months before each quarterly drawing are eligible. KESPT is the Commonwealth’s official 529 College Savings Plan, which helps families save for a loved one’s future college education with tax benefits. It is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. For more information, please visit www.kysaves.com or call toll-free 877-598-7878.



Labor Secretary Hilda Solis (left) listen to Calvert City resident Corey Hicks, a former West Kentucky Community and Technical College student, speak about his apprenticeship with Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 184. Hicks and Kyle Henderson of Paducah, business manager of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 184, (on the right) were part of a panel in Lexington.

Dr. Jill Biden and Labor Secretary Solis visit Kentucky

LEXINGTON, KY - Second Lady Jill Biden and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis heard the success of a far western Kentucky business/education partnership during a stop at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington. Second Lady Jill Biden and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis made a stop at the Leestown Campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College as part of their three-day “Community College to Career” bus tour. The tour is highlighting the unique role community colleges play in developing a flexible, highly-skilled 21st-century workforce to meet emerging regional business needs. Dr. Biden, a community college instructor for 18 years, and Secretary Solis, a former community college trustee, joined KCTCS students and workforce partners in a panel discussion, listening to students share their stories and learning more from businesses about KCTCS’ innovative partnerships. “These partnerships are

training workers with skills that will lead directly to jobs,” said Dr. Jill Biden. Calvert City resident Corey Hicks, an apprentice with the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 184, told the delegation that he attended West Kentucky Community & Technical College and then to fulfill his goal of becoming a plumber, he joined the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 184 as an apprentice. Since joining the apprenticeship program, Hick has received training and college credit in plumbing, welding, and green technology from WKCTC. He obtained Medical Gas Certification and plans to return to West Kentucky Community and Technical College to complete his Associate in Applied Science Degree in Apprenticeship Studies. “I would not have been able to pass the national certification if it were not for our organization as well as WKCTC. I now feel more competent working with HVAC technicians now that I’m more knowledgeable on how to conserve energy as

well as assist homeowners and business owners on ways to reduce energy costs,” Hicks said.



Pictured front row left to right: Sydney Rice, Bree Lowrance, and Keirstyn Keith. Back row left to right: Coach Stephen Maddux, Cody Doom, Cole Zimmerman, Daniel Hurt and Denton Wood.

Livingston Central heads to State competition

Livingston Central High School’s quick recall team will represent Region 2 next month in the 2012 Governor’s Cup state competition. Livingston’s quick recall team which competes in “Jeopardy” style quiz matches defeated University Heights Academy in the first round of the regional Governor’s Cup before falling to Franklin Simpson High School. Livingston then battled their way out of the loser’s bracket to defeat Todd County High School, Madisonville North Hopkins High School and their previous foe, Franklin Simpson. LCHS came up short against Muhlenberg High School in the championship round. Muhlenberg’s

quick recall team claimed first place with Livingston taking second. At the regional level, the top five finishers in written assessments and the top two teams in quick recall and future problem solving advance to the State Governor’s Cup Competition which will be held in Lexington on March 10-12. In addition to the quick recall team, LCHS senior Cody Doom will advance to the state contest in written assessment for his third place finish in math. This will be Doom’s third year to compete at the state Governor’s Cup in a written assessment event. He competed in science written assessment in 2010 and 2011.

Armed with a current district title under their belt, four experienced seniors and some strong underclassmen on the team, Coach Stephen Maddux feels confident about the team’s debut at the state competition. “The team did a great job of being aggressive and anticipating the questions Saturday. We have been strong in science, math and social studies all year and expect that to carry that on to the next level. Our preparation plan for state is to focus more of our practice time on language arts and arts and humanities content and continue to work hard in the classroom and at home,” added Maddux.

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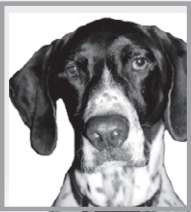
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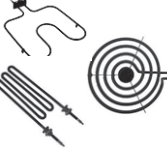
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Looking great, Shopping smart

Make plans to attend the Purchase Area Extension Agents for Family & Consumer Sciences Spring into Green: Fashion Edition coming March 16 for time and money saving ideas.

By Gloria Hollifield
The Lake News

What woman doesn't love shopping and new clothing? However, in today's economy new clothing to keep up with the latest fashion trends can put a strain on your pocketbook. The good news is there are a number of ways you can still enjoy shopping without the guilt and looking great no matter what the latest fashion fads are.

Upcycling and repurposing are two great ways to save money and still change your clothing and even your home décor.

Upcycling is taking old, unused or unloved things and turning them into something completely new. For example, when you make a quilt out of old jeans, you are upcycling.

Whereas upcycling is the process of turning something old or useless into something different and new, repurposing is, making something old or broken into something similar that is useful and purposeful again. For example, if you rescued an old, ugly lamp and then sanded and painted it and made a new lampshade, you would be repurposing that lamp.

The internet is full of websites and ideas for upcycling and repurposing items, including everything from do-it-yourself jewelry repurposing to upcycling thrift store finds.

This year the Purchase Area Extension Agents for Family & Consumer Sciences will hold their 4th annual Spring into Green workshop. Over 250 people participated in last year's event that features ways to save money on clothing, including upcycling and repurposing.

The popular event will take place on Friday March 16 at Mid-Continent University in the Cougar Center and classroom building.

Mary Kate Ridgeway from the University of Tennessee Extension will be the keynote speaker at the event. Gaining her passion from colors, Ridgeway will discuss updating your wardrobe along with how to choose the right colors that will enhance your natural beauty and your current wardrobe.

According to information from Marshall County Extension Agent Vicki Wynn, five exciting sessions will also be available for those who attend the event. They include:

Organizing Your Closet Space — Open the door to a new sense of order and organization in your home. Steve Dannenmueller and



Don't toss that stack of outdated sweaters. Upcycle them into trendy tote bags, purses and clutches for something new and unique. Learn more ways to upcycle and repurpose at the Spring into Green Fashion Edition.

Sandy Forrest of ClosetMaid will jumpstart your closet organization project with inexpensive thought-provoking ideas to help you "kill the clutter."

Mix & Match your Wardrobe - FCS Agents Jill Harris & Marsha Parker will share information on how to develop clusters or small groups of clothing that are coordinated in color, fabric and shape -- all with interchangeable parts. This allows for versatility and flexibility with a minimum number of clothes.

Fashion and a Dime: Buy, Sell, or Trade - Do you enjoy the thrill of the hunt? Is fashion your passion? Do you love a bargain or a great sale? Do you have pieces of your wardrobe you don't use or want? Then this session is for you. Melissa Goodman, FCS Agent for Hickman and Fulton Counties, will look into online selling and buying, thrift, consignment, yard sales and

more!

Trends in Upcycling & Repurposing Fashions - Vicki Wynn, Marshall County Extension Agent for FCS, will present a glimpse into the world of upcycling and repurposing fashions. Learn how to transform unused clothing or thrift store finds into useful apparel and accessories.

Winning Ways with Scarves - Sara Bogle, Carlisle County Extension Agent for FCS, will encourage you to pull those scarves out of the closet or drawer and put them to work for you. Learn easy ways to make a scarf. Scarves can be a versatile part of your wardrobe. Come and learn easy ways to "tie one on."

A Denim Drive will also be held in conjunction with the University of Kentucky's Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles Department. They will be collecting and recycling denim into insulation that will be used in Habitat for Humanity homes. They are requesting that participants donate jeans, and denim, in any color or condition for the project.

Registration for Spring into Green, which includes a catered lunch, is \$10 and due to the Marshall County Extension Office by March 9. Make checks payable to PEAFCFS. Each participant must have a ticket to enter the event. For a registration form and more information, contact the Marshall County Extension Office, 1933 Mayfield Hwy., 527-3285.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the welcoming remarks at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will conclude by 2:30.

Don't miss the Spring into Green Workshop!



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4-H Camp registration deadline extended

Marshall County is set to go to 4-H Camp on Tuesday, May 29th - Friday, June 1st with Ballard, Fulton, and Graves Counties. The fun-filled four day and three night camp is held at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. The planning of great classes, fun activities, educational programs, and much more are already in the works. And the deadline to register for 4-H Camp is right around the corner!

The 2012 Marshall County 4-H Camp deadline has been extended to Wednesday, March 14th from the previously published date of February 29th. Marshall County youth between the ages of 9-13 who wish to attend camp must have their registration forms and \$25 payment into the Marshall County Extension Office by March 14th.

The cost of 4-H camp is \$160 per camper. This fee includes lodging, meals, transportation,



camp t-shirt, and much more. Due to the generosity of local businesses, organizations, and others, there are scholarships available. Parents and the camper must complete their respective parts on the back of the Marshall County 4-H camp registration form and have these turned in or postmarked by March 14th to be considered for a scholarship. Registrations

will be accepted after March 14th on a space available basis only, but those applications will not be qualified for a scholarship.

4-H Camp registration forms are available from your child's school office or the Marshall County Extension Office. The Extension Office is located at 1933 Mayfield Highway (corner of Slickback Road and Highway 58) or call 527-3285 to request one be mailed to you.

4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. To learn more about 4-H Youth Development programs, contact the Marshall County Extension Office at 527-3285.



Central students are excited about Dr. Seuss Week. Each student decorated a 'foot' (The Foot Book) to decorate the library. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 27 - March 2 in the library at Central Elementary School. Tuesday, February 28 will be Family Reading Night from 6 - 7:30. Dinner will be in the cafeteria from 5:30 - 6:30 (\$5 for chili and hotdog meal). Everyone is invited is to come and help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Those students who complete a passport that evening will be entered into drawings for prizes.

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Community BUILDERS

Hise tapped for Calvert Community Builder award



Loyd Ford/The Lake News

Don Hise, above, was named Calvert City Community Builder 2012 last Thursday night by the Calvert Area Development Association during their annual meeting at CFSB's Calvert banking center. Hise was presented with the honor because of his work as a volunteer chairman of two different key city boards for nearly 40 years. He also serves on the Marshall County/Calvert City River Port Board currently.

By Loyd Ford
The Lake News

Calvert City- Last Thursday evening long time Calvert City resident Don Hise received the first ever Community Builder

Award at the annual meeting of the Calvert Area Development Association in the community room of CFSB's Calvert Banking Center. The plaque was presented to Hise while family and friends were present in a surprise reception held in his

honor.

CADA President Loyd Ford presented a plaque to Hise and displayed a plaque that will be displayed publicly that includes Hise's name and has additional space reserved to future honorees. The Calvert City Community Builder award will be presented annually by the Calvert Area Development Association and The Lake News.

In a brief address Ford outlined just a few of Hise's major accomplishments for Calvert City over nearly a 40 year period. Hise has worked as a volunteer Parks Board Chairman, Water and Sewer Board Chairman and currently serves on the Marshall County/Calvert City River Port Board. Ford said that while Hise was chairman of the parks department he wrote grants that allowed for the construction of the current baseball fields in Doctor's Park and that while he was Water and Sewer Board Chairman he successfully defended the waste water lagoon treatment system of the city and avoided a costly replacement the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency wanted. He said Hise continued to serve the community on the river port board by applying the expertise he acquired while working professionally for BFGoodrich and Westlake Chemicals Inc.

Hise is a retired chemical engineer. He stays active in his community work despite continuing to battle the debilitating effects of the West Nile virus and subsequent illnesses that resulted from complications from having the disease.

Ford said the award came about because Calvert Area Development Association wanted to honor people who made substantial contributions that bettered Calvert City as a community. He told the crowd at the reception that Hise was the immediate choice of the CADA board of directors and that he set the benchmark for future recipients of the award.

The Community Builder award is part of an effort by CADA to host an annual meeting that is open to the community and to honor local people for their

commitment to make Calvert City a better place. The group also wants to use the meeting and the award program to focus on areas of the community that need improvement and programs that will foster community growth.



Hise is credited with soliciting grant funds for baseball fields in Doctor's park and later battling with the EPA to keep Calvert City's Waste water treatment system.

Hise expressed his thanks for the award to Ford and to the members of Calvert Area Development Association after the presentation.

Both Calvert City Mayor Lynn Jones and Marshall County Judge Executive Mike Miller were in attendance and added their compliments to Hise for his life long civic work.

Hise has also been active in his church Calvert City Methodist Church and he is a retired chemical engineer. He came to Calvert City to work for the BFGoodrich Company which was later purchased by Westlake Chemicals Inc. He and his wife Jenny have four adult children, Terri, Yvonne and James.

The Calvert Area Development Association has worked actively for the betterment of Calvert City and its residents for more than 20 years.

Mayor pushes three-part plan to improve quality of life

By Charlotte Kyle
The Lake News

Calvert City Mayor Lynn Jones announced a three-part plan to improve the quality of living in Calvert City. This plan, Jones said, revolves around the environment, housing and the location of the water treatment plant and potential for waste-water discharge.

The priority issue, said General Manager of Calvert City Water and Sewer Roger Colburn, is the relocation of the water treatment plant.

Jones said the flood in 2011 prompted the decision to look at relocating the plant. The plant is currently located on the north side of the railroad main line, in close proximity to the industrial complex and a low-lying area.

"Only through the aggressive manpower and determination of our employees to keep that plant dry were we able to keep that plant functioning during the flood waters," he said.

Jones said he never thought they would see a flood of this magnitude.

"Anyone who grew up in this area understands historically that the 1937 flood was quite an event," he said. "In Calvert City it was certainly an event of great magnitude. My parents, my grandparents, many residents talked about the flood and what it was like. How bad the situation was. The promise of the Kentucky Dam and dams along the Tennessee sort of took away our fears. We lived with minor floods, but nothing to that capacity."

He said the high waters brought back the



Loyd Ford/The Lake News file photo

The intense battle to save Calvert City's water plant in spring of 2011 is shown in the photo above. The threat of flooding has put emphasis on moving the plant to a safer location.

realization that there could be a flood problem, and they decided they needed to get the plant away from that opportunity. With the relocation of the plant, Jones has hopes to upgrade the capacity and add additional filtration. A potential site for location has been purchased, he said.

Colburn said they are preparing to do a preliminary engineering study to look at needs for the next 20 year period.

See Mayor pushes three-part plan to improve quality of life on page 4C.

Measuring progress, Marshall County unveils accountability system

By Charlotte Kyle
The Lake News

A waiver was given to the state of Kentucky for flexibility with the No Child Left Behind law and the Kentucky Department of Education is focusing its efforts on growth and readiness for college and careers.

On Feb. 9, President Barack Obama freed Kentucky and nine other states from the requirements of the law, allowing them to promise to improve how students are prepared and evaluated. Marshall County Secondary Supervisor of Instruction Kem Cothran said the waiver allows Kentucky to go to one comprehensive system for accountability that will meet both state and federal requirements.

"This merges us into one which reduces the number of days that students have to test at the end of the year and that is best for students," she said.

Unbridled Learning is Kentucky's plan for educational accountability, striving toward "College/Career Readiness for All." The new model for evaluating schools and student progress will go into effect in May, Cothran said, with the implementation of the achievement component.

The model states: "Achievement in reading, mathematics, science, social studies, writing and Program Reviews in arts/humanities, practical living/career studies, writing, world language and kindergarten through 3rd grade program evaluation are the heart of the model."

Like previous models, Unbridled Learning continues annual public reporting of student outcome in math, reading and science to assess school performance. However, the new model also includes student assessment growth measures, an emphasis on readiness for college and career readiness, graduation rates, achievement in writing and social studies and increased focus on the lowest-performing schools, according to the model outline. This model will hold all schools and districts accountable for improving student performance.



By offering certificates, such as Certified Nurse's Assistant Marshall County High School is better preparing students for college and careers choices.

Cothran said growth is assessed in reading and math, kindergarten through 8th grade. Growth measures what the student learned throughout the year.

"We want that child level making gains regardless of where they came in," she said. "We want that child to make growth in that level. In the old system we did not measure growth, only what that child knew at the end of the school year regardless of what they knew before that year."

Changes in the test practices will include an updated method for evaluating sections such as art and practical living, Cothran said. With the old system, students took a pencil-and-paper test to judge their knowledge of these topics. The new system will allow for a program review.

"The program review is analyzing the overall practices, student work samples, assessment in three areas: arts and hu-

manities, writing and practical living," she said. "It's going to improve the quality of teaching and learning in these areas."

Performance measures vary based on grade range. For elementary school, performance is evaluated based on student data for achievement, gap and growth. Measures for College/Career Readiness begin in middle school, with students taking EXPLORE in grade 8. Students then take PLAN in grade 10 before taking the ACT in grade 11. All tests are part of the ACT's Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS). All students use the same set of standards and skills in each test they take. The hope, Cothran said, is that students will be more prepared and will achieve better ACT scores when they reach high school.

"Those are readiness indicators," she said. "EXPLORE and PLAN will give us readiness indicators of the student's performance on the ACT. Instead of waiting until they are junior to think about ACT they will start with EXPLORE. It's all about college and career readiness."

Performance measures for high school include end-of-course tests and on-demand writing for achievement and gap, PLAN to ACT for growth, college/career-readiness rate and graduation rate.

College and career readiness assessment is based on ACT scores as well as industry certificates. Cothran said Marshall County has several certificates available. These include Certified Nurse's Assistant, Child Development, Construction, Culinary and Food Service, Financial Services, Horticulture, Production Livestock, Welding, Auto Body Collision Repair, Auto Technology, Pharmacy Tech and Biomedical Tech.

"This gives education a balanced approach for all learners and gives us a model to help us help all students walk out the door of high school prepared for 4-year College, 2-year College or to directly enter the workforce," she said. "The plan has helped us, too. It's helped us see what these kids want to be."

Cothran said: "Hopefully with this plan every kid will see the need to graduate and become productive citizens."



One of the certificate choices available at Marshall County High School is the Auto Body Collision Repair for students who would like to pursue a career in the automotive industry.

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Company to retain 389 jobs with \$40 million re-investment

CALVERT CITY, Ky.—Governor Steve Beshear joined community leaders and officials from Westlake Chemical Corporation (NYSE:WLK) on December 5, 2011 to announce the company will invest \$40 million in its Calvert City plant, supporting the retention of 380 Kentucky jobs. The company plans to perform a major modification of ethylene furnaces that will ultimately reduce costs, improve operating efficiency and consume less energy. The modifications are expected to be completed by mid-2013.

“The vote of confidence that Westlake has given to the quality of Kentucky’s workforce and business climate is heard loud and clear with this \$40 million investment,” Gov. Beshear said. “We are proud to have the ability to work with such a longstanding corporate citizen on this opportunity that will benefit the Calvert City community, specifically Westlake’s 380 employees, for years to come.”

Westlake Chemical Corporation is an

international manufacturer and supplier of petrochemicals, polymers and building products with headquarters in Houston, Texas. The company’s Westlake Vinyl subsidiary, located on Industrial Parkway in Calvert City, has been operating for 21 years.

The company has indicated that without assistance of tax incentives, the improvements in both process and technology would not have been economically feasible and the alternative would be to produce additional ethylene at a sister plant out of state.

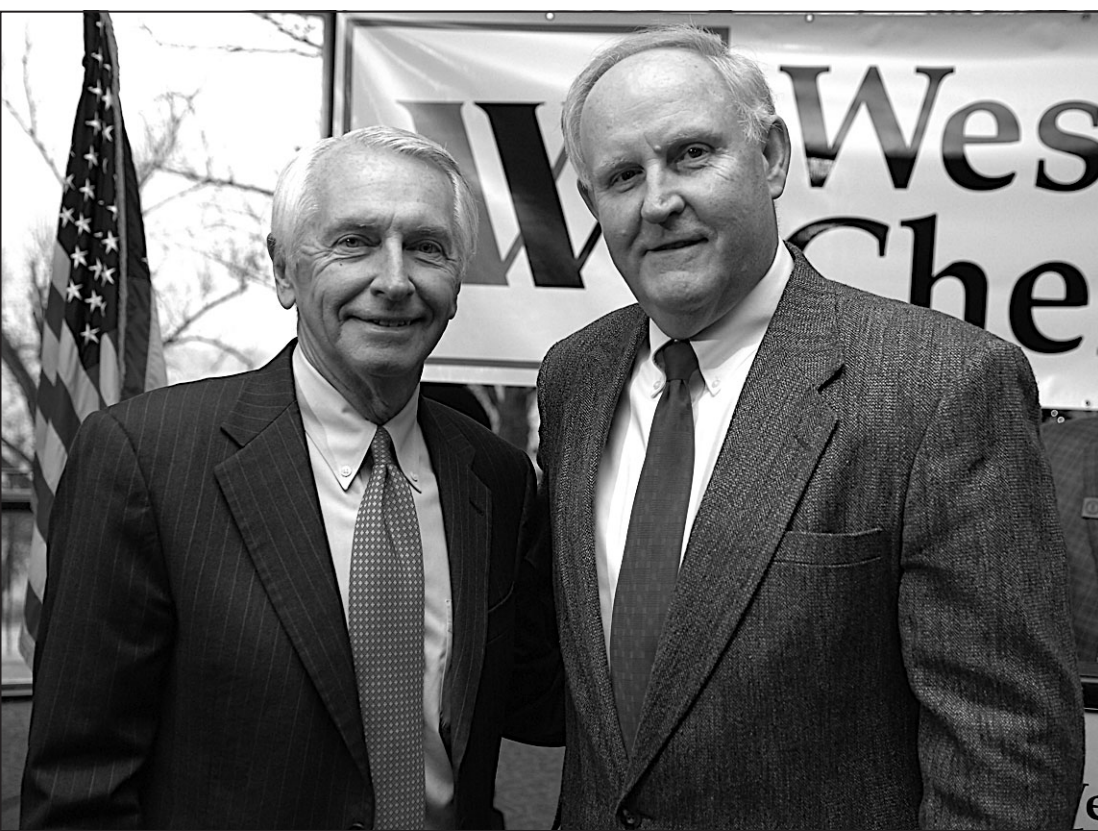
“For over 21 years, Westlake Chemical Corporation has been proud to be a corporate citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and an active member of the local community in and around Calvert City,” said Westlake Chemical Corporation’s President and CEO Albert Chao. “We extend our appreciation to Gov. Beshear and his Cabinet for the state’s investment in our future in Kentucky. Our Calvert operations are an important part of our

overall business strategy, and we remain committed to building a strong and successful future at the site.”

To encourage the investment in Calvert City, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority preliminarily approved Westlake for tax incentives up to \$10 million through the Kentucky Reinvestment Act (KRA). KRA is designed to assist companies that need to make significant capital investment in Kentucky facilities in order to remain competitive.

“I am pleased that Westlake continues to invest in west Kentucky and particularly Marshall County,” said Sen. Bob Leeper, of Paducah. “This investment is clearly recognition of a well-trained and efficient workforce.”

“Westlake has long been a great corporate partner for our region, so I’m certainly pleased to see it make an investment that solidifies its future here while improving its energy efficiency,” said Rep. Will Coursey, of Symsonia. “This is definitely great news for those who



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Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, left in the photo above, and Calvert City Mayor Lynn Jones are shown at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park just after Gov. Beshear made the announcement about Westlake re-investing in its Calvert City plant.

work there.”

“What a tribute to the Calvert City Westlake team! I am thrilled at Westlake’s announcement,” said Calvert City Mayor Lynn Jones. “I am also very appreciative of Gov. Beshear’s commitment to Kentucky jobs and for his strong support of this project. Thanks Westlake for this great news.”

“The continued investment at Westlake is a continued investment in Marshall County and its workforce,” said Marshall County Judge-Executive Mike Miller. “Congratulations to Westlake and to Gov. Beshear for making Kentucky the place to do business.”

For more on Westlake, visit www.westlake.com.

Calvert City awarded \$50 thousand LWCF grant for tennis courts

FRANKFORT, Ky.-Governor Steve Beshear announced 18 new Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) project grants on December 7, 2011 to help enhance tourism across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Department for Local Government (DLG) will administer the funds, totaling \$558,537, to project awardees. Calvert City

received one of those grant in the amount of \$50,000 to upgrade the city’s tennis courts.

The tennis courts located on 5th Avenue will be donated to the City of Calvert City by the Calvert City Country Club as a part of that grant agreement. The city plans a major upgrade to the tennis courts that will re-direct surface water that has been a problem

there for years. Plans also call for resurfacing the tennis courts and adding more parking spaces to the parking lot.

“Improving Kentucky parks and recreational facilities visibly enhances our communities, helps

increase tourism and boosts local economies during these still difficult times,” Gov. Beshear said when he made the announcement in December. “This funding will also add to local residents’ quality of life – giving them excellent

spaces to play sports, go hiking or camping, and to live overall healthier and more active lifestyles.”

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Mayor pushes three-part plan to improve quality of life

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“We’re in the middle of getting ready to do a preliminary engineering study to see what our needs are going to be for the next 20 year period. That process will include looking at usage trends, customer base, any changes that are going on in the community, whatever it takes to try to estimate how much water we need to produce on a daily basis and deliver to our customers.”

They will also review the latest technology available to ensure citizens receive the highest quality potable water. Colburn said they hope to expand their services to users in the industrial complex, an opportunity that Jones said could help with the cost of the project and help keep water costs as low as possible for those in Calvert City.

Jones said they are also looking at the lack of available housing.

“If a young couple wants to move to Calvert City it’s very difficult for them to find a place to reside,” he said.

Jones said they will look into programs available to relieve developers of some of the high costs to develop lots and build homes. He said he hopes to partner with experts and look at other communities for successful options. New houses, he said, will help the city grow and keep costs of water down.

Jones said more housing will benefit grocery stores as



Submitted photo

This photo of the Westlake Chemicals Inc. plant in Calvert City during the spring 2011 flood details the threatening level of the flood waters that threatened the Calvert City industrial complex along with the city’s water treatment plant. The water treatment plant was eventually saved when the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers blew up the level on the Mississippi River at Bird Point.

well as the school system.

“We’re going to do everything we can to make that attraction possible,” he said. “Calvert City is a great place to live. It’s safe, it’s quiet and I think once we get the housing we can attract people.”

Jones said Calvert City wants to partner with the industrial citizens, the

Environmental Protection Agency, the state and federal governments to find a way to establish a wastewater discharge system for the industrial complex.

“Us exploring that is an opportunity to provide another part of a package to keep them attractive and economically feasible in our community,” Jones said.

“The cost of doing business in China is much cheaper than in Calvert City. The plants could go to another country where labor costs are much less and where the environmental pressure isn’t there.”

Jones praises the people who work in the complex as the reason for its success and hopes to help alleviate

environmental pressures to keep the area as pristine as possible.

“We have a great quality of labor, our skilled craftsmen do a wonderful job,” he said. “They keep the industry humming in Calvert City. (One worker) can be the equivalent of 10 to 20 workers in China.”

Jones said he was excited

for the upcoming plans to improve the city and what they can do to help reduce the carbon footprint. He said they are not there yet, but they are working toward bigger goals.

“These elements are necessary for our survival,” Jones said. “We’re going to work together to make them happen.”

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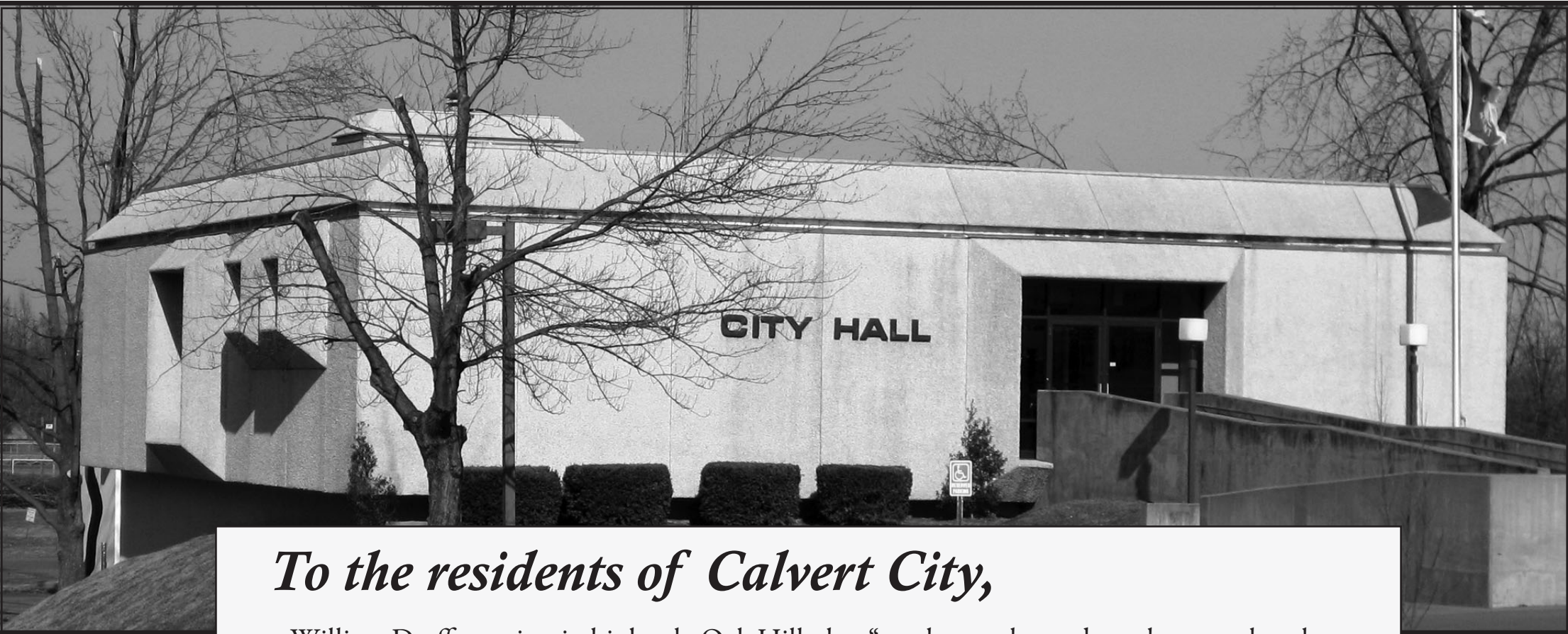
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To the residents of Calvert City,

William Draffen writes in his book, Oak Hill, that “southern valor and northern steel took a toll from many of Calvert City’s pioneer families, and Mr. Calvert saw to it that provisions were made for food and shelter for those who chose Calvert City for settlement after the close of the war”. Mr. Draffen’s words are an example of the determination and courage of our forefathers in dealing with issues threatening the community’s survival. It remains so today!

Calvert City has been built on capitalism. The values and principles of capitalism are rich in our history. Calvert City’s citizens have enjoyed the fruits of prosperity. In the process Calvert City has risen from a small farming community to an industrial giant in Western Kentucky. The progression to prosperity did not happen by accident. And neither will our prosperity remain without diligent effort and planning for continual improvements.

It is in the spirit of our ancestor’s determination that Calvert City has embarked on plans to strengthen our economic base and to improve the quality of life for residents. The most exciting of these plans is Calvert City’s, “Green Team” program. Already, the first grade students at Calvert Elementary School and the Sixth Grade Class at North Marshall Middle School have joined our “Green Team”. Later this spring, the Kindergarten Class at Calvert will join us. In five years, Calvert City’s “Green Team” will be a leading force in environmental stewardship. Our boys and girls will teach parents the importance of saving Calvert City’s environment.

Exciting also---industry is joining our “Green Team” efforts. Our industrial leaders are excited about Calvert City’s green initiative. Industry is partnering in our recycling and other green programs. What a testimony to their European partners----our Calvert City Plant is in a green community! Proof that industry and the environment can coexist to provide the highest quality of life for all of us. Join us as we move forward in making this place the best place ever.

Calvert City is the best place I know---the best place to live, to raise a family, and to retire. In order to remain a great community a second challenge-- the challenge of available affordable housing-- must be addressed. Calvert City does not have enough housing for families. We need more houses. So, Calvert City will implement programs to support housing development. Yes, it is a challenge, but Calvert City’s history says we can succeed. Mr. Calvert did it following the Civil War. We did it again in the 1950’s and 1960’s when our industry came and housing was needed for workers. We will do it again!

Our third challenge is water and waste. The flood of 2011 gave us vivid visual understanding why our water treatment plant needs relocation. A couple of months ago, City Council agreed to purchase thirty acres of land for potential plant relocation. That is exciting because a new plant can supply water of better quality for residents and water for industrial processes. That is a win/win for our City!

You may know the intense pressures of industry with environmental regulations at both the state and federal level. Calvert City wants to partner with industry and the EPA to continue the improvement in air and water quality with reasonable and attainable goals. Part of this program must include a program for industrial waste treatment and discharge. A most comprehensive endeavor, I believe the treatment program partnership will be the most important economic development plan since Kentucky Dam. Yes, the challenges are enormous, but the benefit is the survival of a way of life our ancestors only dreamed of for us. We will make it happen, together, as a team—industry, government, regulators, and Calvert City!

Now, you have it---the aggressive program of work for our community. Jobs, environment, and quality of life are all at stake. So, let’s roll up our shirt sleeves, take a deep breath, and together make our hometown, a greater place for our children and grandchildren!

Sincerely,
Lynn B. Jones
Mayor





Lloyd Ford/The Lake News file photo

Bison, photo above, roam freely across two different huge enclosures at the Land Between the Lakes. One is located at the Homeplace and another is near Golden Pond on the Trace at the Elk & Bison Prairie. Each year LBL has to auction off excess Bison. This year 31 of the animals were sold to the public. The Elk & Bison Prairie is one of the few LBL facilities to remain open to the public year round.

LBL provides business training

GOLDEN POND, KY - Land Between The Lakes (LBL) plays a wider role with local businesses than most people know. In February LBL hosted a sustainable tourism business seminar. Business owners interested in improving their current business strategies were encouraged to attend. The seminar was held at the Golden Pond Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and several local business persons attend the session.

The cost to attend was low at \$20 per person and included lunch. Topics presented at the seminar included the importance of a solid marketing

plan, small business credit initiatives, and understanding key aspects of operating a business during an economic downturn. Presenters include experts from the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, EntrePaducah, U.S. Small Business Administration, Murray State University Small Business Development Center, and Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

“At Land Between The Lakes, we understand how important small businesses are to the local economy. To give back to our communities, we want to provide business owners

with tools they can use to improve their current business strategies. It can be surprising how a small change in a business plan will often produce positive results, especially during a down economy,” said LBL Business Performance Manager, Scott Turner.

The seminar this year was particularly attractive to local tourism businesses who are dealing with the loss of traffic due to the loss of the Eggners Ferry Bridge. A span of the bridge was knocked out by a large ocean going ship and no one knows for certain when the bridge will be repaired so traffic can once again return to normal.

Arts Council encourages Writers Day celebration

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Arts Council encourages schools, libraries, writers’ groups, reading groups, senior citizen centers, community centers, faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, correctional facilities, businesses and the media to celebrate Kentucky Writers’ Day in local communities throughout the Commonwealth.

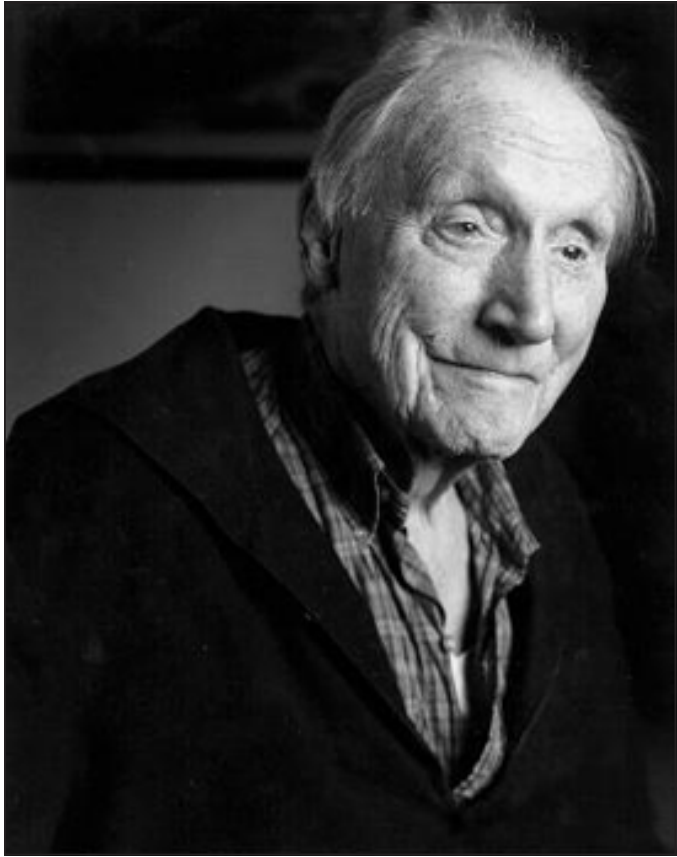
To assist groups in planning their activities, the arts council has developed a free Kentucky Writers’ Day Planning Guide, which can be downloaded at <http://1.usa.gov/KWDplanguide>. This guide contains suggested activities appropriate for different groups, publicity ideas and cross-promotional opportunities with the arts council to make Kentucky Writers’ Day a statewide event.

April 24 has been designated as Kentucky Writers’ Day by the Kentucky General Assembly to honor Kentucky’s strong literary tradition. The date is the anniversary of the birth of Robert Penn Warren, from Guthrie, Ky. He was the first poet laureate of the United States and

the winner of three Pulitzer Prizes, with the rare distinction of winning prizes for fiction as well as poetry.

“I encourage each community to plan activities to celebrate Kentucky’s strong literary heritage and its many excellent practicing writers,” said Kentucky Poet Laureate Maureen Morehead.

The arts council will also present a Kentucky Writers’ Day celebration in the Capitol on April 24, featuring readings by Morehead and past Kentucky poets laureate, as well as a public reception to honor all Kentucky writers and a workshop entitled Funding Your Writing Habit, presented in collaboration with the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning.



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The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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\$350,000 Investment in Jobs for America’s graduates to help young people

WASHINGTON, DC - A new partnership aims to strengthen the pipeline of skilled students and workers across the Mississippi River Delta region, Federal leaders said. Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-Chairman Chris Masingill joined with Delaware Governor Jack Markell to launch a \$350,000 investment into Jobs for America’s Graduates, Inc. The initiative, of which Governor Markell is the Chairman of the National Board, helps provide training assistance to students at-risk of dropping out of high school. According to the new partnership, the Authority is committed to invest in JAG strategies that boost employment and educational success, including:

- Investing \$350,000 into the

DRA Chairman: “The best investment we can make in the future of the Delta is in building up a sustainable pipeline of skilled young people for our workforce.”

- DRA-service area, providing \$20,000 to 10 Delta schools, \$50,000 to the national JAG organization to implement these initiatives and another \$50,000 in upcoming cycles. The DRA has already invested \$50,000 into the organization;
- Working with JAG to launch new programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee;
 - Serving an estimated 2,000 high-risk youth over the next four years;
 - Helping develop personal and leadership skills for be-

tween 35-45 students in each school;

- Offering a cost-effective approach - with each participant costing an estimated \$1,500 per year – less than half the national average of similar programs;
- Working to help each school secure at least 50 percent of the cost of the program.

DRA Chairman Masingill said, “The best investment we can make in the future of the Delta is in building up a sustainable pipeline of skilled young people for our workforce. Today demonstrates that belief. This partnership with one of the nation’s most successful job training organizations is going to develop opportunities for our people by investing in our people.”

“Jobs for America’s Graduates is deeply grateful for the support of the Delta Regional



Chairman Masingill with Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Chairman of Jobs for America’s Graduates, Inc.

Authority on behalf of young people across the Delta region. This will help us keep young people in school and on target for graduation,” said Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Chairman of the Board of Jobs for America’s Graduates. “By reducing our high school drop-out rate, we dramatically improve the chances of success of thousands of young people. Education plays a critical role

in our collective economic strength.”

Jobs for America’s Graduates, Inc. is the nation’s largest and, arguably, the most successful school-to-work system for at-risk and disadvantaged young people - helping more than 800,000 young people find the opportunity to move

from school to a quality job that will lead to a meaningful and satisfying career.

The Delta Regional Authority is a federal-state partnership that serves 252 counties and parishes including Livingston and Marshall counties in Kentucky.

Ashland Inc. acquires ISP, Incorporated

COVINGTON, Ky. – Ashland Inc., a global leader in specialty chemical solutions for consumer and industrial markets, completed its acquisition of privately owned International Specialty Products Inc. (ISP), a global specialty chemical manufacturer of innovative functional ingredients and technologies. The purchase was an all-cash transaction for \$3.2 billion, subject to post-closing adjustments for changes in net working capital and certain other items.

“This defining transaction is expected to be immediately accretive and will significantly expand our position in higher-margin, higher-growth end markets, including personal care, pharmaceutical, food and beverage and energy,” said James J. O’Brien, Ashland chairman and chief executive officer. “We are excited about combining ISP’s technologies

and capabilities with our own. This acquisition enhances our ability to satisfy the increasing global demand for more technologically advanced consumer and industrial products, and to continue to generate industry-leading innovation and solutions for our customers.”

ISP will be integrated into the Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients commercial unit, more than doubling the size of Ashland’s highest-margin business. Effective immediately, the combined unit will be called Ashland Specialty Ingredients.

An integration team with key representatives of both companies is being led by John Panichella, president of the new Ashland Specialty Ingredients business. Ashland anticipates \$50 million in annual run-rate savings by the end of the second year through eliminating redundancies and capturing operational efficiencies.

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Gov. Beshear declares loss of bridge a regional emergency

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Gov. Steve Beshear signed an executive order on Friday, February 24, 2012 formally declaring a regional state of emergency in the destruction of a span of the Eggners Ferry Bridge over Kentucky Lake. The loss of the bridge has created a huge problem for commuters, college students, tourist and emergency vehicles that did use the bridge as a direct route to Nashville. Businesses on both sides of the bridge have suffered losses in their daily receipts due to the loss of traffic. The tourism industry is the back bone of the area and having the Land Between the Lakes recreation area effectively shut off from firms located nearest to the bridge has proved to be quite an obstacle. The order is a formal step to enable the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) to seek emergency funds from the Federal Highway Administration

(FHWA) in the cabinet’s ongoing work to restore traffic across Kentucky Lake. “We continue to explore every possible avenue in our efforts to restore traffic to this vital highway in western Kentucky,” said Gov. Beshear. “My executive order is one more step toward that objective. By working with our partners at FHWA, we hope to speed the process as much as possible.” The two-lane Eggners Ferry Bridge carries U.S. 68/KY 80 across the lake between Marshall and Trigg counties. The route was severed when a cargo vessel owned by Foss Maritime struck and ripped away a 322-foot span of the bridge on the night of Jan. 26. The following day, KYTC notified FHWA of Kentucky’s intent to request emergency funding to help offset costs of repairs, transportation alternatives and debris removal. Gov. Beshear previously announced that engineers

who conducted an underwater inspection reported “no significant damage” to the bridge’s piers. That was a positive development in KYTC’s ongoing assessment of options for interim and permanent solutions. The 80-year-old Eggners Ferry Bridge provides the western entrance to Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (LBL), one of Kentucky’s most important tourism sites. Substantial preconstruction work has been carried out for two new bridges that will replace the Eggners Ferry Bridge and a similarly aged and obsolete bridge over Lake Barkley, on the other side of LBL. The recommended highway plan that Gov. Beshear sent to the General Assembly on Jan. 17 provides \$330 million in construction funding. That funding will not be affected by cost of repairs to the old bridge.



Lloyd Ford/The Lake News file photo

The damage to Eggners Ferry Bridge will take months to repair but Gov. Steve Behear is taking steps to get federal dollars to help with the immediate cost of the repair. The state and the company that owns the ship apparently are headed to court over the crash.

Doctor shortage in KY will blunt health reform’s effect

The new health reform law is expected to create 32 million more insured Americans, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The federal government plans to expand Medicaid to low-income adults and subsidize purchases on the health-insurance exchanges when it requires most Americans to carry insurance in 2014. However, an insurance card will not mean much to patients without providers to care for them. Kentucky will have 484,000 more insured residents because of reform, according to an Urban Institute analysis. A primary-care physician is the first contact for people with undiagnosed illnesses. They include family physicians, pediatricians and internal-medicine doctors. Primary-care physicians’ share of the U.S. health-care dollar is only 7 cents. However, primary-care doctors control 80 cents of the health-care dollar by sending their patients to hospitals, referring them to specialists and handing out

prescriptions. The U.S. has the about the same number of physicians per capita as other industrialized nations. However, the U.S. has far fewer primary-care physicians than specialists. They make up about 50 percent of the physician workforce in most other developed nations, compared with 35 percent in the U.S. The number of U.S. specialists per capita has risen dramatically since 1965, while the ratio of primary-care physicians has remained relatively constant, because they earn as much as three times more income. The outlook is for more of the same: greater scarcity of primary care and a growing supply of specialists. Massachusetts reformed its state health-care system in 2006, giving the nation a glimpse of what is to come when access to health insurance is expanded without expanding the supply of primary care. The average wait for a non-urgent appointment with an internist rose from 17 days in 2005 to 48 days in 2011. Less than half of family physicians there are

accepting new patients, compared with 70 percent four years ago. Massachusetts has about 108 primary-care physicians for every 100,000 residents, compared with only about 70 per 100,000 in Kentucky. This ultimately suggests an even longer wait locally. The primary-care workload is expected to increase by nearly 30 percent between 2005 and 2025. A number of factors feed this demand, including a growing population, a flood of baby boomers becoming Medicare beneficiaries and acquiring medical conditions as they age, and the newly insured because of the reform law. However, the supply of primary-care physicians is expected to rise by only 2 to 7 percent. Three out of 4 physicians say they already are at or over capacity. The math screams that there will be a crisis of health-care access in the next 15 years. Expect longer waits for appointments, shorter physician visits, greater use of nonphysicians for routine care, and higher prices. The U.S. trains about 16,000 doctors a year. The nation would have to increase that number by

6,000 to 8,000 annually for 20 years to meet expected demand. Adding to the sense of urgency is the fact that about 1 out of 4 Kentucky physicians is age 60 or older. About 18 percent of Kentucky residents currently live in federally designated primary-care shortage areas. Physicians

tend to cluster in areas where supply is already high rather than where the need is greatest. About 80 percent of new physicians in the 1980s and 1990s did this. They like affluent areas with well-insured patients, high-tech hospitals and civic amenities that offer a better quality of life. These high-income enclaves are

also home to the nation’s healthiest people. Most do not want to recognize that health care is rationed. It is done so by lack of insurance. Health reform is expected to rectify that, but it will exacerbate a new form of rationing: the doctor is not in.

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One of the biggest LBL attractions every year is the drag boat races. LBL opens many of its attractions for the season on March 1. The boat races will not return until June. The LBL is home of a wide variety of uses visitors can walk hiking trails or ride ATV in designated areas. The Homeplace offers an opportunity to travel back in time while the Golden Pond Planetarium gives a view into space.

Land Between the Lakes opens March 1 to begin summer season

GOLDEN POND, KY - Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area begins its 2012 operations on Thursday March 1, by opening several popular visitor attractions.

The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, Golden Pond Planetarium, and North & South Welcome Stations open their doors March 1, along with Hillman Ferry and Piney Campgrounds. The Homeplace, Nature Station, and North & South Welcome Stations will be open Wednesday through Sunday during March, and then open seven days a week beginning April 1.

The Elk & Bison Prairie remains open from dawn until dusk every day, year-round. The Golden Pond Visitor Center, Wranglers Campground, Energy Lake Campground, and Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area remain open year-round as well.

“At LBL, the spring season brings fresh opportunities for environmental education. We are excited about the programs we have planned for 2012, such as the Spring Break Programs at Nature Station,” stated Sharon Waltrip, Program Manager for environmental education. “Our facilities provide opportunities for hands-on learning and encourage visitors to get outdoors to experience nature and history for themselves.”


The Golden Pond Planetarium, open daily beginning March 1, provides a full dome viewing experience complete with brand new digital multimedia equipment. Visit www.lbl.org or call 270-924-2020 for show schedule. Come join us for an exciting glimpse of the night skies filled with celestial objects, constellations, and more!

LBL’s spring calendar is full of a variety of fun programs for visitors of all ages and interests. The popular Discount Package, which offers a 25% discount on admission to multiple attractions, will be available again this year, as well as the LBL Fun Card, a discount opportunity that primarily benefits area residents and others who frequent LBL. The LBL Fun Card provides your choice of 10 admissions to The Homeplace, Nature Station, Planetarium, or a combination of all three. With no expiration date, the LBL Fun Card is good until all 10 visits have been used.

LBL honors the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Access and Senior Passes along with the Golden Age and Access Passports. In addition to the 50% discount offered for the basic campsites, the Passes and Passports will also be honored at The Homeplace, Nature Station, and Golden Pond Planetarium for 50% off general admission for the card holder.

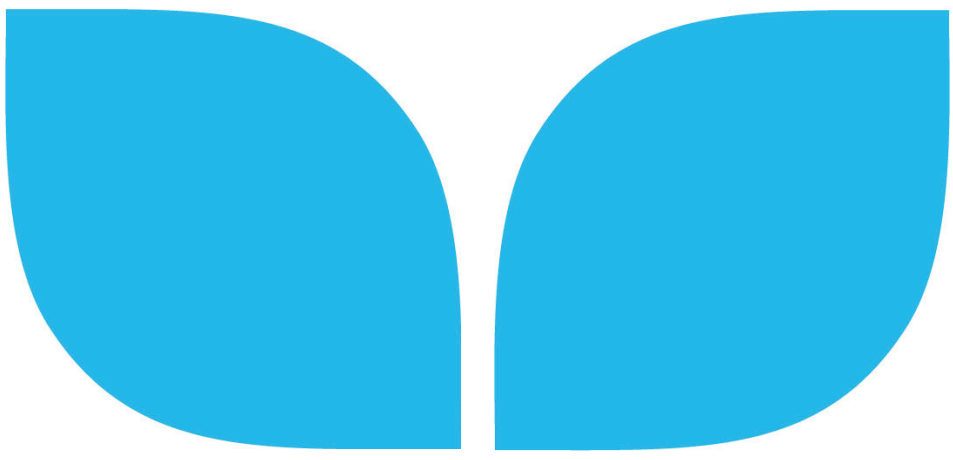
Visitors are reminded that due to the partial collapse of the Eggner’s Ferry Bridge resulting from the Delta Mariner cargo ship collision on January 26, motorist will need to take alternate routes to LBL if traveling from the west on US68/KY80. Visit our website at www.lbl.org and click on Alerts & Notices for alternate routes.

Come Outside and Play at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area. Managed by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Land Between The Lakes provides outdoor recreation and environmental education for the public to enjoy. We encourage visitors to review LBL’s official website at www.lbl.org often for our Calendar of Events, updates on programs and policies, safety information, maps, and temporary trail and road closures. Follow us on Twitter @LBLScreechOwl and on our blog at <http://landbetween-thelakes.blogspot.com/>. Additional LBL information can be found on our website or by calling 1-800-LBL-7077 or 270-924-2000



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Calvert City Convalescent Center

Services Available

- 24 Hour Skilled Nursing
- Post Surgery
- IV Therapy
- Central Lines
- Wound Care
- Tube Feeding
- Ostomy Care
- Behavior
- Alzheimers
- Diabetes Care
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Restorative Nursing
- Specialized Activities
- Exerciese
- Resident's Council
- Family Council
- Interdisciplinary Team Care

Calvert City Convalescent Center is 100-bed long-term care facility.

The most unique characteristic of the Center is the not-for-profit 501c3 status. Not only does it provide opportunity for tax free contributions but is also allows all profit to be directed back to resident care – no shareholder dividend, no board of director fees, no owner compensation.

Founded with the heart that “everybody is somebody in God’s love”, the Center remains true to the mission of providing quality care. You might be surprised to know that the annual budget is \$6,700,000.00, and that 130 employees participate in the ministry of loving and caring for the elderly.

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